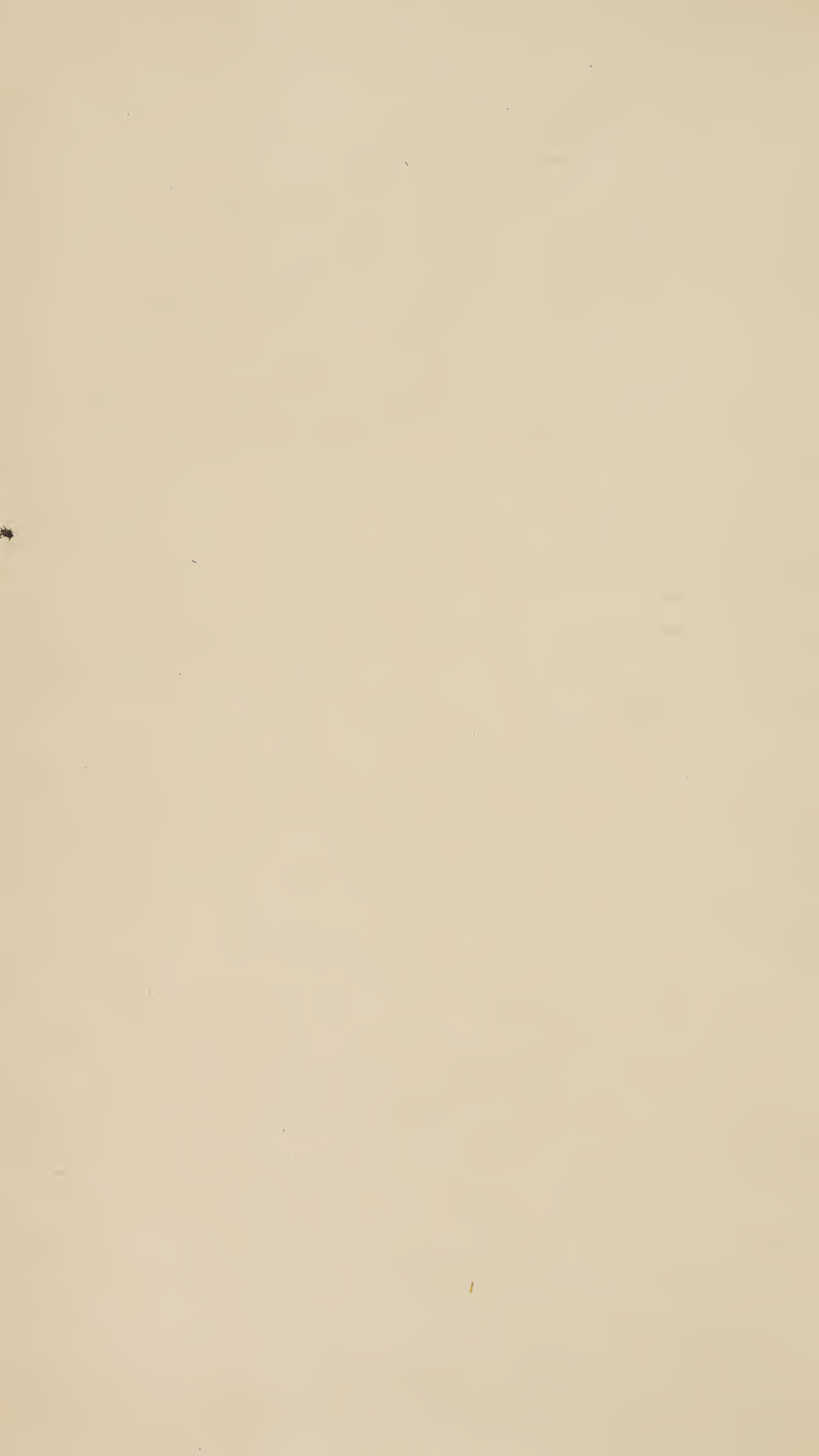






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INTRODUCTION.

This present volume gives the documents entered on the Minutes of the York City Council from the beginning of the reign of Queen Elizabeth to the crushing of the Rising in the North at the end of 1569. Entries between January, 1558-9, and February, 1560-1, are missing. As in the case of previous volumes of these Records the present one throws vivid light on conditions of life in York during the period.

The great poverty of York continues. There was a great deal of old Chantry property in York, this was uncared for and became more and more dilapidated. The City Council keep on complaining about it. In 1561 it is stated, in a communication to the President of the Council of the North, that the population and houses in York have diminished by one third. Owing to lack of work the City is full of poor folk and this number is increased by others from outside coming into the City. Beggars were everywhere. We have seen in previous volumes of York Civic Records that some attempts were made to stop the begging nuisance by appointing, in each ward, head beggars, who were provided with badges of authority, and given charge of other beggars and power to restrict begging. But this was no help towards solving the problem of Poverty. In the year 1551, on the outbreak of the Sweating Sickness, when it was found necessary to segregate suspected cases, a voluntary contribution was asked for from householders wherewith to make provision for needy cases. This voluntary assessment, thus begun, continued and is found continuing in this present volume, Sunday collections being made in the wards for the poor. In 1567 we have the first attempt to meet the real problem. A weaving school was started at St. Anthony's Hall and work provided. Able-bodied people who refused to work were punished and those unable to work were given relief. In 1568 an overseer was appointed to take charge of this work and an additional headquarters was set up at St. George's House.

But besides the poverty in the City a constant cause of anxiety to both national and local government was the great multitude of poor folk roaming about England. Civic authorities were authorized to give them passes from their city to some other, and these passes they would produce on being questioned, but no time limit was fixed for their journeys. They committed all kinds of mischief in the countryside and could be a real danger in times of unrest. Many documents in this volume direct the notice of local authorities to this wandering multitude. Innkeepers are commanded to listen

to their talk in order to learn about possible sedition. These York Records provide a rich store of material for a study of poverty at this period.

A great calamity befell York in January, 1564-5, when ice and flood caused the collapse of the central pier of Ouse Bridge, and two arches with the houses on them were destroyed. The bridge was almost 400 years old. It had been patched up over and over again, it was overweighted with buildings, sooner or later some such calamity was bound to happen, but it could not have come at a worse time. The interruption to communications through the collapse of the only bridge over the river and the necessity of raising money for the cost of rebuilding seems for a time almost to have paralysed the civic authorities and it was a whole year before the work of reconstruction began. The first thing needed was to erect a temporary bridge of wood ; this was laid on boats. The Council then had to consider ways and means of raising money. An attempt to persuade the citizens to let some of their common land failed ; finally it was agreed that a rate for bridge repairs should be laid on householders. Next they had to decide how the broken bridge should be rebuilt. An examination of the foundations of the central pier seems to have revealed grave weaknesses. By the good offices of Sir Martin Bowes, the York citizen who had become Alderman of London, a bridge expert was sent to York from London for a month. We are not told what advice he gave, but whatever it was it must have carried great weight, and was no doubt a factor in the decision arrived at by the Council on 10 April, 1566, to start rebuilding at once and in place of the two centre arches to build one only, and so avoid the difficulty of making strong foundations for a new pier in the deepest part of the river. Christopher Walmsley, the City Mason, designed the new "bow" as it was called, and carried out the work. It is curious to note the difficulty there was in finding in York sufficient stone for the new part of the bridge. It was to be expected that stone would be plentiful in a city like York, where not 30 years before monasteries and friaries had been dissolved and many churches taken down. It seems to have been with the utmost difficulty that sufficient stone was obtained. At the beginning of November, 1566, the work was completed.

This volume concludes with an interesting series of documents relating to the "Rising in the North," headed by the Earls of Northumberland and Westmorland in the autumn of 1569. On 10 October the Earl of Sussex, Lord President of the King's Council in the North, orders the Lord Mayor to summon the innkeepers, taverners and tiplers of the City and enquire of them whether, in the gossip in their houses, they had heard "any newes, tales, reports or rumours betwene the Queens Majestie and hir noblez," each of them, one after another, said they had heard no such talk. On the 10th of November Sir G. Bowes dispatched a letter from Streatlam to the Earl of Sussex to tell him that the Earl of Northumberland

was arming. As soon as the Earl received this news he informed the Lord Mayor of York and on 12 November we have our first York document relating to the Rising ; it contains instructions for putting the City in a state of defence. York was the vital place. The rebels acknowledged that. If they could take York the Rising had some chance of success, should they fail to take York, it had none. So York, rather feverishly and excitedly, prepared for defence. Instructions were issued to repair the walls, set guns in position, to increase the watch at the Bars, night and day, to block up the postern gates, to destroy boats on the river, and fortify the various landing places, to bring all ladders inside the City. It is interesting to note how in an emergency like this York relied on ancient precedent. Some of the regulations for York defence in 1569 can be found in an Anglo-French document relating to the danger of a Scotch attack on York in the reign of Edward II. Soon a large army, gathered from various parts of Yorkshire, is lodged within the walls of York, and the danger passes away. The rebels got within 20 miles of the City on the western side, but by the middle of December all danger was over.

The Yorkshire Archæological Society hope, in due course, to continue this series of York Civic Records down to 1641, the end of the Council in the North. This should mean another four volumes. The York Corporation are also desirous that the series should be continued. On behalf of the Yorkshire Archæological Society and myself I beg to thank, once again, the Town Clerk of York, Mr. T. C. Benfield, and his staff, for their ever willing helpfulness.

ANGELO RAINE.

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fo. 142b.

Scarcity of Bread.

14 December 1 Elizabeth (1558). *Present*—Ralph Hall, Mayor, 10 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 5 of the xxiv.

Apon the great complaynte and exclamation made by dyverse honest comonars for wante of breade latly had in defalt of the bakers of this Cite, John Troughton, Nycolas Clerk, Stephen Skelton, Leonard Londesdale, William Muston and others by commandment of my Lord Mayour did nowe personally come before this presens whoo in the name of the wholle occupacon of free bakers did exhibit a bill declaryng and allegyng that the sayd skarsen[ess] (if any were) was thacte of God by reason of the unyversall sykeness and decay of people and wante of wynde and water etc; and therwith perceyvyng they could not please the comonars of the Cite did not onely submytt theymselves to thordre of my Lord Mayour and his Bredrene for any defalt proved ageynst theym, but alsoe desyred that suche ordynauncs as have ben latly made concernyng the sayd occupacon and for inhibityng the bollbakers maybe repelled and every of theym to be sett at suche ease and libertie as they were before the sayd late ordynauncs made.¹

fo. 143.

More Porters wanted.

15 December 1 Elizabeth (1558). *Present*—Ralph Hall, Mayor, 8 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 1 of the xxiv.

Aggreed that accordyng to the formar ordynaunc there shalbe the full nombre of sextene portars to serve this Citie and to supplie up the said number to the portars beyng at this instant but ix, other vii of franchest men or suche as will be franchised shall be chosen by the sayd ix present if they will and allowed by my Lord Mayor, as he thynk good, or by himself alone to supplie up the sayd nombre of xvj portars before the xxth day after Christmas next and that the sayd portars shall take for cariage but onely as is prescribed theym [in] the said formar ordinauncs, provyded that for the last lymytacon within the same ordynauncs viz. to the barres of the Citie they shall take j^d a burden.²

¹ This is done.

² For ordinances of the porters see *York Civic Records*, vol. iii, 185.

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fo. 146.**Payment of M.P.'s.**

10 January 1 Elizabeth (1558-9). *Present*—Ralph Hall, Mayor, William Tancred, Recorder, 9 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 4 of the xxiv.

Item it is nowe aggreed that Maister William Watson and Maister Richard Goldthorp whoo are newe electe Citizens of this Cite for the Parliament beginnyng the xxiiijth of this instant January shall have payd theym towards their dyetts at their goyng up v^{li} a pece and xxvj^s viij^d for their servants lyveraries accustomed.

(*fo.* 143). Item that they shall also have under the Common seale a warrant of attorney sewyng in the name of the Mayor and Commonaltie of the Cite in any maner of sewt for the wealth and commodytie of this Citie, and to have suche chardgs as they doo deburse payd theym agayn.

Item instructions to be gyven that if it happen any taxe to be graunted to the Queenes Majestie at this Parliament than they to make sewte for release and abatement therof to the Cite use.

fo. 148.**Arrangements for Musters.**

18 January 1 Elizabeth (1558-9). *Present*—Ralph Hall, Mayor, 7 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 2 of the xxiv.

A Royal order for general musters and instructions for the Commissioners is read.

After whiche commession and articles soo openly redde with consultation and advise had it was nowe aggreed that my Lord Mayor, his sayd Bredrene and Shirefs, lyke as they have ben accustomed shall with all convenyent spede take the sayd musters in forme folowing, that is to say, to begynne on moneday next in Walmeigate and Myklith wards in the Old Baile ; and on wednesday with Botham and (*fo.* 150) Monk ward in the Paynlith crofts by ix of the cloke in the mornynge, provyded if it be fowle weader than for Walmeigate and Myklith in the Comon Hall and for Bothame and Monk wards in St. Anthonyes. And for thaynsty on fryday, thone half therof and on monday that next after for thother half, on Tofte greene. And in the meane tyme warnyng to be spedely gyven by thofficers accustomed accordingly.

fo. 151.**More Chamberlains to be appointed.**

28 January 1 Elizabeth (1558-9). *Present*—Ralph Hall, Mayor, 8 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 4 of the xxiv.

Consideryng there is at this present but very lytle treasure in the common cofers of this Citie and that not onely this instant parliament but alsoo warres lykely to be this yere wilbe great chardges to this Citie ; it is therfor devysed and aggreed by this

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worshipfull assemble that iij mor Chamberleyns shalbe chosen unto the iiij Chamberleyns that nowe are and to pay to the Chamber use their exoneracons accustomed.¹

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fo. 2.

Petition of the Citizens concerning Tang Hall.

St. Blaise Day, 3 February 1560-1. *Present*—Percival Crawforth, Mayor, William Tancred, Recorder, 11 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 5 of the xxiv.

Assemblyd in the Comon Hall of this Citie for the swearyng of the Mayor, Aldermen and xxiiij of the Counsall of this Citie, the Comon Clerke, Maceberer, Swordeberer, thoffycers and Comons of this Citie; whan and where Myles Cowke, marchant, one of the Comon Counsall of this Citie for and in the name of the hole Comons of this Citie exhibyted a bill to my Lord Mayor and these presents of certan artycles of request for the common proffett of this Citie concernyng the lease of Tanghall, beyng nowe expyred, that was lett to Maister Deyson and Maister Newton, wherin they requyred to have an answeare or they departyd; and my Lord Mayor by advyce of Maister Recorder answeyrd that he and his Brethren at a convenyent tyme shuld consulte togydders and geve them an answeare of there bill at the Common Hall apon fryday next at ix of the clokk before none. The cobby of whiche byll hereafter enseweth worde by word.

(fo. 2b). Certeyn artycles devysed by the Comon Counsell of this Citie by the assent and consent of the Commons of the same to be movyd to the right honorable the Lord Mayor, his worshipfull bretheren, the Aldermen and Prevay Counsell of this said Citie for there further advice and confyrmacion therein to be had for the common welth of the Commons of this said Citie.

Furst we the said Commons dyssyryth your Lordshipe and worshipecfull Bretheren, with others your lordshipes Counsell of this Citie, that it may be agreyd that the ground belongyng to the Tenghall may yerely frome hencforth remayne uneleasyd and that the free comoners of this said Citie may have there cattell gressyd in the same; and that the Chamberlayns for the tyme beyng and other eight persons to be namyd yerely by the Lord Maior for the tyme beyng, and his Bretheren, by the advyce of the Counsell of this Citie to be taken of every of the fower wards, that is to say, of every ward two men, may have the taking in of cattell to be gressyd within the said ground making one sufficyent booke of the names of every man that shall have any cattell gressyd within the said ground.

¹ Here ends the twenty-second house book. Number twenty-three opens with the swearing in of Mayor, Aldermen, etc., on St. Blaise Day, 3 February, 1560-61. The entries for two years are missing.

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Item that it may be orderyd by your Lordshipe and Bretheren by the advyce of the Counsell of this Citie that no maner of person or persons shall have any cattell gressyd within the said ground but suche as be fre men of this said Citie and the same to be his owen goods. And that the Chamberlayns for the tyme beyng, and the said eight parsons so to be namyd may yerely furth the said ground frome the xxvth day of Marche untill the xxjst day of May at whiche said day the Chamberleyns and the other eight persons yerely to take into the said ground so many horse and cattell as the ground will well gresse the same not beyng overlayd; and that the said horse and cattell so taken to be gressyd within the said ground to remayne in the same frome the said xxjst day of May unto the feast of Saynt Martyn then next following yerely frome yere to yere; and to pay for every horse gresse duryng the said tyme vijs, and for every cowe gresse iiij^s viij^d; and no man to have but one cowe or one horse at the discession of the Chamberleyns (*fo.* 3) and viij persons for there tyme beyng; and the said Chamberleyns and overseers to take seuer order and promyse of every man to pay the hole gyft for suche cattell as they shall putto gresse within the said ground.

Also we the said Commons dysyryth that suche as haith bene tenaunts of the said ground beyng bound for the reparylyng of the Tanghall howse and laithes may be callyd upon for the reparylyng of the same accordingle as they be bound and the said howse so beyng reparyled suffycyently that ther may be one honest man sett in the same to kepe the said ground yerely, and he to have suche reasonable stypend for his paynes as shalbe thought good to your Lordshipe and your worshipfull Bretheren and others the counsell of this Citie and after that the said howse may be mayneteyned by your good dysscressions.

Also we the said Commons dysyryth that the Chamberleyns for the tyme beyng and the said viij persons so to be appoyntyd yerely frome yere to yere may lett the said ground by the consent of the Lord Maior for the tyme beyng frome Martynmes tyll the xxvth day of Marche to suche as will geve most for the same duryng the said tyme and to make a trewe accompte of all these recyts of the premysses.

(*fo.* 3). Also we the said Commons dysyryth that the closes without Mykkylgate bar callyd the Hage closes may be usyd after suche sorte and the same not to be leassyd.

Also we the said Commons dysyryth your Lordship and worshipfull Bretheren that the money to be receyvyd for the profetts of the premysses and also tax money geven by the Quenes majestie to this Citie may be sequestryd by it self and to be bestowyd in tyme of the yere upon common provysyon of coles and torves for the pore, crase[d¹ men] of this Citie.

¹ crased; ill.

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fo. 4. **Suggested answer to the petition of the Commons.**

6 February 3 Elizabeth (1560-1). *Present*—Percival Crawforth, Mayor, 10 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 4 of the xxiv.

Apon consultacon had concernyng the ordre and lesse to be made of the maner of Tanghall feilds and other the profitts therof beyng nowe forth of leas it was here dyvised by this worshipfull assemble that for the contynuance of love and quietness of the wholle Corporation of this Citie, commoditie and profit of the Comons of the same, bothe of the riche and poore, and accordyng to the request of the said Commons so moche as reasonably or conveniently may be.

Whereas by the survey latly made by certayne discrete and expert Comonars of the said Citie, the said maner of Tanghall, lands, medowes and pastures were rated and sett to the yerely valew of Liiij^{li} vjs viij^d, over and besydes certayne free rents and firmes of certayne tenements, gardyns and other heredytaments in the suburbs of York amountyng to foure or fyve nobles or there abowts ; as may particlarly appere by bills of survey therof made ; it is aggreed by the said Lord Mayour, Aldermen, Shireffs and xxiiij that iiij or more of the honest Comoners to be named by consent of the most part of the rest of the Commons shall have one sufficient leas for terme of years made of so moche of the said pastures and medows calld Tanghall feilds as doeth amounte after the valuacon aforsaid to xliij^{li} vjs viij^d, payeng therfore yerely to thands of the Chamberlaynes the same rent onely. And the same iiij or more Commoners by the best devyse and pollicie of the residewe of the honest Commoners to be employed and occupied to the most commoditie and advantage of the said Commons at oversyght of my Lord Mayour ; and that the Hall garthes within the compasse of the site of the said Tanghall and two other closes, thone pasture and thother ploughed, late in thoccupacion of Maister Robert Pacok and valeued by thaforesaid expert persons to the yerely valewe of xli^{li} shalbe likewise lessed to the same Maister Pacok, Maister Copland, Maister Rauf Hall, Maister Standeven, Maister George Hall and Maister Graves with suche other honest citizens as they shall take unto theym therfore yerely to the Citie profite the said rent of xj^{li} already sessed as is aforesaid.

(*fo. 4b*) 7 February 3 Elizabeth (1560-1). *Present*—Percival Crawforth, Mayor, William Tancred, Recorder, 11 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 6 of the xxiv.

Assembled in the Common Hall of this Citie whan and where was redde openly to all the Commons in the said Hall congregat the answer by the said presens devysed to be made to the articles of request to theym latly exhibited by the said Commons concernyng the ordre of Tanghall feilds ; apon hearyng of which answer concernyng the ordre of Tanghall feilds the sayd Commons wold in no

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wise consent that any part shold be occupied but onely by all the Commoners alyke accordyng to their former request. And the said Commonars beyng asked whether they wolde be bounde, suche of theym as shold be thought mete, for trewe payne of the rent already assessed to the Chamber use ; and they answered—Yea. And soo my Lord Mayour commandyng theym to aggree emongs theymselves upon suche as shold be bound ; and to bryng theym in within viij dayes when he shold send for theym that than further determynacon herin might be taken ; and soo for this tyme respected.

fo. 6. **Voluntary Assessment for Poor Relief.**

21 February 3 Elizabeth (1560-1). *Present*—Percival Crowth, Mayor, 10 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 3 of the xxiv.

As towchyng relief of the poore of this Citie it is devysed that the constables with one churchwarden of every parochie with all convenyent spede shall gett the names of all thenhabitants within every their parochie fair wrytten in paper forth of the clerks book ; and therapon on Sondag next to goe to every of the said inhabitants and gently to move theym what they wilbe content of their charitie to gyve weekly unto Easter next towards relief of the said poor people, and to wright what every man gyveth and than to bryng the same to my Lord Mayor and wardens to see whether it will suffice for the sayd poor. And if they perceyve it will not serve than the said inhabitants to be further assessed by the wardens and soo compell all as be remisse or froward herin.

Aggreed that one hundred marks or more of the Chambre money shalbe disbursed for common provision of coles for this Citie ; (*fo. 7*) and to be brought from Newcastell unto Hull of the sellars adventure and from thens to this Citie of the Chambre costs. And after one hundreth chaldre¹ be come further ordre to be made for more cole and assurans therof to be made in wrightyng.

fo. 7b. **Price of lodging for the poor.**

25 February 3 Elizabeth (1560-1). *Present*—Percival Crowth, Mayor, 8 Aldermen, 4 of the xxiv.

Ordered that for ease of the poor sewtars, strangers, repairyng to this Citie, commandement shall be gyven by my Lord Mayour to the serchars of thinholders to take ordre with all the rest of inholders not to take of any suche poore above iiij^d a mele ; and to have therfore breade, drynk, hearyng and salt fyssh with some kynd of potage. But other gentlemen and honest men that will for better to gyve vj^d or more as they will call for.

¹ Chaldre. A chalder is an obsolete measure of capacity; a chalder of coal varied between 32 and 64 imperial bushels.

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fo. 9.

Duties of the Constables.

12 March 3 Elizabeth (1560-1). *Present*—Percival Crawforth, Mayor, 10 Aldermen, 3 of the xxiv.

Aggreed that ther shalbe payed weekly forth of the Chambre fyve shillyng towards releif of the poor of Myklyth ward, the first payment to begynne presently and soo to contynewe unto further ordre be taken for the same.

Aggreed alsoo that the wardens shall every of theym in their severall wards ageynst to morowe in thafternoone at their places accustomed call before theym every the constables and honest men appoynted for good ordre and examyne theyme howe they have executed their chardges accordyng to comandement to theym latly gyven by virtue of the Queenes comyssion with certayne articles ; and further streightly to chardge theym dewly contynewe executyng all the said articles ; and specially to gyve theym streight comandement of the Queenes behalf to see that every person come to the service in the cherche every sunday and halyday and also to come to the sermon within the Mynstar, and no Citizen to be hardy as to be walkyng duryng the sermon tyme but to come and diligently to heare the same. And for better execution herof the curat alsoo be spoken to to gyve comandement in my Lord Mayour name to all their parochians to come dewly unto Gods service in the cherche and resorte to the sermons as they will answeare at their perill.

Item that on monday next in thafternone inquirye shalbe made in every ward accordyng to the Queenes proclamacon ageynst eatyng of fleshe.

fo. 9b.

City armour left at Berwick.**Present from York ladies to the Countess of Rutland.**

21 March 3 Elizabeth (1560-1). *Present*—Percival Crawforth, Mayor, 11 Aldermen, 1 of the xxiv.

Sir William Malory, Knight, shalbe spoken with for the armour and weapons belongyng to this Citie as at Christmas was a twelve moneth he receyved the money for, and after service in Scotland leaft the same emongs others at Berwik, as it is sayd, soo that further ordre may be with expedicon made for restitucon of the same to the Cite use.

Item it is nowe aggreed that the right honorable the lady Contesse of Rutland shalbe presented by my Lady Mayresse and otherz the Ladyes of this Cite with this present folowyng of the Chambre costs that is to say

In mayne bread vs
Ypocras ij galons —
Three sucar loves of vij^{lb} a pece
Twoo boxes of fyne marmalade
A barrell of sukker vj^{lb}
Sex boxes of comfitz
Long comfitz ij^{lb}

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fo. 10. **Corpus Christi Play. Houses on Fossbridge.**

27 March 3 Elizabeth (1561). *Present*—Percival Cawforth, Mayor, 8 Aldermen, 5 of the xxiv.

Aggreed that Corpus Christi play shalbe played this yere with good players as hath ben accustomed except onely the pagiants of the dyenge, assumption and coronacon of our Lady.

Item it is nowe aggreed that the housez of the south end of Fosse bryge shall with convenyent spede be taken downe and the stuffs saffly kept whiles that the same are makyng up ageyne.

fo. 11. **Butchers' regulations.**

9 April 3 Elizabeth (1561). *Present*—Percival Cawforth, Mayor, 10 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 2 of the xxiv.

Aggreed that the butchers of this Citie shall be callyd before this howse tomorro at ix of the klok before none and then order to be taken with them for sellyng there vyetuellis reasonable to the Quenes majesties subjects.

It is also agreyd that the butchers beyng franchesed men of this Citie and havynge howses and shoppes in the same shall frome noweforth sell there fleshe within there owen shoppes and not in Thursday Markett nor in no other places appon payn of vjs viij^d, and strange bochers that dwellith in this Citie shall come and sell there fleshe in Thursday Markett of thre markett days accustomed in the weke withoute any lett or dysturbance.

fo. 11. **Base money to be brought in.**

15 April 3 Elizabeth (1561). *Present*—Percival Cawforth, Mayor, 8 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 2 of the xxiv.

Was redd a lettre from the Pryvay Consell, the tenour wherof foloweth.

To our lovyng frends the Mayour and Aldermen of the Citie
of York.

Hast. Hast. Hast.

After our harty commendacons ; where the Queenes Majestie did of late by her proclamation gyve notyce to the wholl realme of her good determynacon to have the base money of iiij^d ob. to be decreed and made bullyon by a certayne day in the same proclamacon lymyted whiche is nigh at hand ; and did further by her sayd proclamacon signifie that whoo soo ever sholde bryng the said base moneyes to her Majesties mynts in the Tower before the xxvth of Aprile next he shold have the same converted into fyne moneyes and further have iij^d for every pounce of the sayd base moneyes soo befor that tyme brought ; for whiche purpose her Majesty hath ben and is dayly at great chargis in kepyng a great

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nombre of Almaynes refynars at her said mynts. For soo moche as there hath not hytherto suche quantytie of the sayd base moneyes ben brought to the mynts as was looked for, we cannot but gather that there hath ben eyther some men stakyng of her Majesties proclamacon or otherwise that the same hath not ben publisshed as it ought to be or ells that some vayne mystrust hath ben conceyved of the repayment and exchange of the basse moneyes that shold be brought in. We have therfore thought good bothe to requyre and command you in the Queenes majestie name that if the sayd proclamacon be not all ready proclaymed than to cause the same to be proclaymed withowte dylay apou the next market day to be holden within that Citie. And if it hath ben yet that by some good meanes her Majesties determynacon be declared to all her subjects therabouts and gyve theym playnly to understand that her highnes will not suffre the sayd pees of iiij^d ob. to be currant for longer tyme than is lymyted in the said proclamacon and after that tyme will not receyve theym into her mynts.

From West Mynster the xxxj of March 1561.

Your lovyng frends,

Wynchester.	W. Northt.	Arundle.	L. Bedford.
E. Clynton.		W. Howard.	

fo. 11b.

Goldsmiths' Ordinances.

10 April 3 Elizabeth (1561).

The auncient ordynauncs of the mystery or occupation of goldsmythes¹ of the Citie of York diligently perused and examyned by the right worshipfull Parsyvall Craforth, Mayour, the Aldermen and Pryvay Counsell of the sayd Citie of Yorke assembled in the Consell Chambre apou Ousebrig ; and by the said Mayour, Aldermen and Consell with the full consent of Thomas Symson and Robert Gylmyn, serchars, and other the goodmen maisters of the sayd craft beyng alsoo present were than and there dewly reformed etc. to be from thensforth fermely observed and kept for ever to the worship of the said Citie, common profit of the people and honesty of the sayd occupacon.

(fo. 12). Inprimis the vth day of Marche in the xijth yere of the reigne of Kyng Henry the iiijth it was ordeyned that from thensforth there sholde be twoo serchars of the said occupacon, Englishe men borne, and no moe. And over that it was then ordeyned that the said goldsmythes sholde bryng their towche², so that thar work might be approved and towched with the pounce³ of this Citie called the half lepard head and half floure de luce accordyng as the statut purportith. And if they have not a towche or pounce that then they shold cause one newe towche and pounce

¹ For earlier goldsmiths' ordinances see *York Memorandum Book I*, 75-77.

² An official stamp marked on metal after testing.

³ To emboss by raising the surface by a blow struck from the other side

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to be made in accomplishment of justice as the common lawe it demandith ; and that every goldsmyth shall make his proper towche or marke to be knowne to the serchars for the tyme beyng apou payne to forfayte iijs iiij^d; and that no goldsmyth shall work any worse golde than the towche of Paryse apou payne of forfayture, onles it be in ryngs or other small jewells that maybe suffered to be wrought of the same that is brought to theym. And that no goldsmyth shall worke worse a lay¹ then sterlyng and that it be not delyvered unto it be searched by the serchars and the said towche of the Citie and his mark sett to ; and that no serchar sett the Citie towche to worse than sterlyng apou payne of forfayture the duple valewe, except that there nede sowder in the makyng, whiche shalbe allowed accordyng as the sowder is necessarie to be wrought in the same.

And yf any maister of the said craft sell or putt to sale any thing of gold or sylver whiche belongeth to their said craft before it be towched with the common towche of the said Citie, and alsoo the mark of hym that made it, that he sholde forfayte vjs viij^d ; except harnessys of girdles, daggers, collers of gentiles² and other things under the weight of an unce that may not suffre to beare the said towche, whiche shalbe towched onely with the mark of hym that maketh it upon payne abovesaid. So that everything made within this Citie may be knowne for good and lawfull frome other things made in other places within this realme of England.

Item it is further ordeyned that yf any man of the said craft werke any evill gold or sylver, that thing that is so made shalbe broken and putt ageyne into the fyre to purifie and to fyne and to be made ageyne perfectly, and he that trespaced shall forfayte and lose xx^s to the Chamber and craft by even porcons ; and at the secund tyme xl^s and the thirde tyme C^s ; and if he will not so be chastised he shall forsevere the craft or be putt forth of the Citie.

Item that accordyng to the statute none of the said artificers or any other shall gilde nor sylver any ryngs, beads, harneys for girdles or suche other made of coper or laten ; except ornaments of holy cherche ; so that in the foote or some other part of every suche ornament (*fo.* 12b) the latton or copper appere playnly ; and except after spurres for knights and apparell that belongith to a Barone and above that estate apou payne to forfayt vi^l in forme aforesaid.

Item that no goldsmyth sett any counterfeyt stone in gold except it be a naturall stone apou payne conteyned in the statut therof.

Item that the serchars of the said occupacon shall trewly make searche as oft as they shall think necessarie and dewly present fawts to the Lord Mayour accordyng to there oathe.

¹ lay; alloy.

² collars of gentiles; collars of gentility. An ornamental chain which forms part of the insignia of orders of knighthood.

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Item that no man denye the searchers at any tyme to make searche nor revyle theym at any tyme neither at his shoppe nor at any other place, whills they be searchers in payne of forfayture of vjs viij^d.

Item yf there be cause why that the occupacon sholde mete for the wele of the said Citie and be warned by the searchers to mete at a place convenient at a certayne howre, he that is awaye without reasonable cause to pay xij^d.

Item that no goldsmyth shall sett no jorney man on worke but for xiiij dayes and yf he doe without the leave of the searchers he shall pay iij^s iiij^d in forme aforesaid.

Item that the pageant maisters make a dewe accompte of the money and of the playing geare unto thoccupacon on Saynt Dunstaynes even or ells the morowe after apon payne of xij^d a pece.

Item that the crownes¹ nor gownes be not lent to none under viij^d a pece, and that it be payd or they be delyvered, except it be to some of thoccupacon and the serchars to make accompte therof.

Item that no maister of the said craft shall take any apprentice for lesse terme than seven yeares apon payne of tenne marks; and at the comyng in of the said apprentice within a month to paye viij^d to the craft and his name to be entred in our booke, and at thende of his terme to be free, paying his lawfull dewties to the said occupacon; and if it chanse the maister of suche apprentice to die duryng the said apprenticeship than suche shall serve still with his maistres yf she have a jorney man sufficiently conyng to learne hym or ells the same apprentice to be sett over to some other maister of the said occupacon by discrecon of the searchers.

Item that none that hath served his apprenticeship within the said Citie shall occupie as maister in the said craft before that he be approved by the serchars of the same that he be hable and conyng workman in the said craft apon payne of forfayture of xiiij^s.

(fo. 13). Item that no stranger ne other that hath not bene apprentice within this Citie by the space of seven yeres or moare shall not sett up nor occupie as maister of the said occupacon of goldsmythes within this Citie apon payne of forfayture of x^{li}; except suche stranger or others that hath not bene apprentice as is aforesaid, be first allowed by my Lord Mayour and serchars of the said occupacon for tyme beyng, and doe alsoe paye before he occupie as maister of the same occupacon x^{li}.

Alsoo at the humble sute and peticon made by the occupacon of paynters of this Citie beyng poore men and chardged yerely to bryng forth on pagiant of Corpus Christi called pynnar pageant together with thoccupacon of pynnars of the same Citie and are at moare chardg therin then the said pynnars are. It is therefor ordered that the said occupacion of paynters and pynnars shall

¹ The goldsmiths played the Visit of the Three Kings in the York Pageant. Toulmin Smith—*York Plays* xxi.

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shall frome hensforth beare and paye like chardges together in all thyngs for and concernyng the furnytüre and bryngyng forth of the said pageant, any usage heretofore had therin to the contrary notwithstanding.

fo. 13.

Coining irons returned.

To the right worshipfull Maister Thomas Stanley, esquier, Treasurer of the Queenes majesties mynt.

At London.

Right worshipfull after our hartie comendacons; theis may be to advertise yowe that where we latly receyved at thands of William Patten, esquier, Receyvour generall to the Queenes majestie in Yorkshire, one bagge of canvas sealed havynge this worde—Yorke—written on the owtesyde of the said bagge togethers with three dowzin stampyng yrons in the same conteyned, that is to saye, xxiiij of the marke of portcullois and xij residewe of the greyhonds, whiche we have ever syns frome tyme to tyme (as occasion requyred) used and occupied, accordyng to the tenor of the Queenes majestie lettre under his Graces signett to us in that behalf directed. And nowe seyng there is no more nede of the use of any of the said yrons, we have caused theym to be sealed up agayne in the said canvas bagge and sent unto your maistership by our honest neighborgh, bearer herof, accordyng as in the said letter is gyven us in comendement, desyryng your good maistership to delyver hym one billet of remembrance for the receipte of the same accordyngly for our dischardge. And thus Almighty God preserve yowe in moche worshippe with good health. Frome York the xiiijth of Aprill 1561.

Your frends to their power

Parsyvall Craforth, Mayor of York and
his bretherne, Aldermen of the same.

fo. 13b.

Punishment of evil doers.

15 April 3 Elizabeth (1561). *Present*—Percival Cawforth, Mayor, 9 Aldermen, 3 of the xxiv.

Aggreed that John Jakson, taylor, beyng a maryed man and kepyng a drabbe besyds his honest wife, whoo were latly taken in adultery to the great displeasure of Almighty God and evell example of lyke disposed persones, the said Jakson and queane beyng already for the sayd offense in prisone shall be therfor sett alsoo both togethers in one cart and caried frome the Trinytie yaits through the streetes over Ousebrig through Conystrete, Stanegate to Bothome barre and frome thence backwards ageyne through Petregate, Collyergate to the Pavement and from thence over Fosse brig to Walmegate barre and there the woman to be deliveryd to the constables and so conveyed forth of this Citie and the said Jakson to be brought ageyne to prison unto suche tyme my Lord

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Mayour take further order with hym. And that one of my said Lord Mayour and officers and an other of the Sheryffs officers shall goe and see the same dewely executed, and twoo men to goe before the carte ryngyng twoo basyngs from one place to anothers as is abovesaid.

Alsoo it is agreed that certeyne yonge men and servants in this Citie whose names appeareth in a bill shalbe sent for by my Lord Mayour and comytt to prison there to remayne unto my said Lord Mayour and his bretherne take ordre for their mysdemeanours and evill usage as is reported to my Lord Mayour for namyng theymselves by other mens names.

fo. 14b. **Petition for remission of fee farm of York Weavers.**

20 April 3 Elizabeth (1561). *Present*—Percival Crawforth, Mayor, and 5 Aldermen.

Assembled in the clossett within Yorke minster it was agreed that a certayne certificat or peticon in favor of the weavers of this Citie sholde be made in name of my Lord Mayour, Aldermen and Shireffs to the Queenes majestie in forme folowyng.

To our most gracyouse soveraigne Lady the Queenes majestie :

In most humble wise shewe unto your most excellent Majestie your obedient and feithfull subjects, the Mayour, Aldremen and Shireffs of your graces Citie of York—that where as in olde tymes past the said Citie hath moche prospered in clothe makyng, and thereby thoccupacon of weavers of the same Citie beyng then bothe many and of good substance obteyned the charter of your highnes most noble progenytours to be incorporat, yeldyng for a fee fyrme or gilde a certayne yerely some in your high Court of Eschequer, whiche yerely fee fyrme was payed accordyngly so long as webbyng in the said Citie was used ; but like as (most gracyous Soveraigne) in processe of tyme the said occupieng descreased and at last utterly decayed in the said Citie ; even so the weavers of the same bothe wantyng their accustomed occupieng and alsoo beyng overchardged with the said yerely payment have fled the most part forth of the said Citie, inhabityng in the contry to the same nigh adjoynyng, sauf onely a fewe very poore men now remaynyng, whoe no dowbte if they shalbe compelled to paye still the said yerely fee firme shall in short tyme be fayne alsoo clerely to fersake your graces said Citie, to the great discommoditie of the same ; onlesse your Majestie of your speciall grace provyde remedye herin. In consideracon wherof we the said Mayor, Aldremen and Shireffs doo most humbly beseche your gracyouse Highnes that of your bounteous liberalitie it may please the same freely to remytt and dischardge the said poore men of the yerely payment aforesaid, even as they apon like consideracon weare pardoned in the tyme of the severall reignes of your most noble father of famouse memory

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Kyng Henry the viijth, your most dere brother and syster, Kyng Edward the sext and Queene Mary. And this for the love of God, whoe preserve your most noble and royall estate, long to contynewe and prosper. Yeven at your Graces Citie of York under the seale of the office of mayouraltie of the same the xixth day of Aprile in this thirde yere of your Majesties most happie reigne.

fo. 15. **The City wants its armour back from Berwick.**

To the right worshipfull Sir William Mallory, Knight, Yorke.

Right worshipfull after our very hartie comendacons ; wheras fyfty soldyars of the Citie of York and Aynsty were by vertewe of the queenes majesties comyssion latly sent under your conduction to serve hyr highnes as haquebusters and pyks in Skotland ; after whiche servyce accomplished, your maistership (prayed be God) did safly returne with our said men (a very fewe except) unto the Queenes towne of Berwik, where (as we understand) yowe tuke suche discrete order for the suer custody of all maner our armour and weapons, whiche the said soldyars then had, so that the same sholde be forth comyng at all tymes to this Citie use, for the whiche we all gyve you most harty thanks. And consyderyng nowe that the said harneis and weapons cannot but decaye without diligent skowryng and reparelyng of the same, we therefor eftsoones pray yowe to helpe us to our said armour and weapons not onely by your lettre to the kepar therof, but alsoo in sendyng the bill indented of the delyverey of the same at Berwik (if any be) so as we may forthwith send for the armor aforesaid and cause it to be skowred and dressyd in readynes for like service whensoever we shalbe called apon. And what pleasure we can shewe your maistership at any tyme ye shalbe allwayes assured therof, God willyng, whoe preserve yowe in moche worship long to prosper. Frome York the last day of Aprile.

Your lovyng frends assuredly Parsyvall Craforth, Mayor of York, and his bretherne Aldermen of the same.

fo. 15b.

Poor Relief.

5 May 3 Elizabeth (1561). *Present*—Percival Crawforth, Mayor, 4 Aldermen.

Aggreed that within every parochie within the Citie and surburbs gatheryng shall contynewe for relief of the poor of the same accordyng to the statut and for maynteyance of good ordre ageynst vacabunds.

And that v^s shalbe weekly payd forth of the Chambre towards relief of the povertie of Myklythward unto further ordre concernyng the premisses be taken viz. the monday after Corpus Christi day. And if any persone be obstynat in gyvyng to the poor and be hable shall be constreyned therunto by discrecon of my Lord Mayor and wardens of the wardes by imprisonment.

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fo. 16. **Sheriffs' Processions. The armour at Berwick.**

7 May 3 Elizabeth (1561). *Present*—Percival Crawforth, Mayor, 7 Alderman, 3 of the xxiv.

Aggreed that the Shirefs of this Citie that nowe be shall this yere on Corpus Christi day in decent wise ryde with a competent nombre of men in harnes and with weapons for the Citie worship as hath ben laudably accustomed.

And lyke rydyng to be on midsomar even and the said Shirefs to have warnyng for makyng preparacon accordyngly.

(*fo.* 16b.) To my very loving frendes my Lord Mayour and hys brethern the Aldermen of the Citie of York.

With my veray comendacyons ; where you have wrytten your letter unto me desyryng to knowe what order is taken for the armor that the soldyers hadd under me in oure laite jorney into Scotland. Thesse may advertysse you that at my retourne to Barwick the Duke of Norfolk grace dyd appoynt my Lord Wharton and others as commysysoners to take trewe sertyfycate of all cappitaynes what armoure and weapon was savyd un spoylid of the furnytüre that they hadd appoyntyd ; whiche sertyfycate for my proporsyon I suppose they have sent unto you as they sayd they wold doo into all other places where as the bandes were levyd ; yet beyng wylling to satysfye your requeste I send unto you here inclosed a coppye of the byll indentyd whereby I mayd delyvery of the holle masse of armoure and weapon according to my certyfycate geven unto the commysysoners appoyntyd for that purposse. Thus I bed you hartely fare well. Frome Studlay this vijth of May.

Yours assuredly,

William Malory K.

(*fo.* 17). A remembrance of all suche furnytüre of armoure, Sir William Maloryes servant, Christopher Stavelay, lefte in Barwick the xxjth of July 1560.

Inprimis xxxv corsletts with pollerons, burgonetts and collers saving that there laketh one polleron.

Item v other corseletts lakkyn pollerons having v burgonetts and ij collers.

Item xx other burgonetts for shotte.

Item xij ordenance cootts of plate.

Item xviiij bylles.

Item x bowes.

Item xiiij arquebushes.

Item xxxviiij pyks.

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fo. 17b. **Collectors for Tadcaster Bridge to bring in the money.**

To there loving frends Robert Cundall and John Spynk.

Right welbeloved neighborghes after oure hartie comendacons ; where we according to the tenor of thacte for mendyng of briggs did appoynt you two collectours of suche porcon of money as was dewely assessed appon thenhabitants of the Aynsty towards reparation of the parte of Tadcaster brige beyng in the Countie of the Citie of York ; and for the spedy levie of the same did delyver you certayne extreats accordingly. We do nowe therfore requyre and command you that ye do with all sped bring in all the said money assessed for reparacons of the said brige or ells immediatly upon the sight hereof to come and shewe us reasonable cause why ye accordyng to your dewty have not gathered ne payd the same towards the said reparacon. Faill ye not hereof as ye will make further aunswere herein before the Lord Presydent and Counsell at your perill. Frome Yorke the xjth of May.

Your very freyns, Parsyvall Craforth, Mayor of Yorke and his brethern Aldermen of the same.

fo. 19. **An evil disposed woman. An unthrifty Wait.**

23 May 3 Elizabeth (1561). *Present*—Percival Crawforth, Mayor, 7 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 3 of the xxiv.

At speciall request of Maister Lawson an evill disposed woman remaynyng presently in Pykeryng hows and peyned to avoyd before Pentecost next is nowe respected unto Trynytie sonday next comyng.

Aggreed that Nycolas Wright, one of the wayts shall have of the Chambre eleven shillings for a base shalme and the same to remayne from hensforth to the Cite use and good suerty to be taken from tyme to tyme of suche the sayd wayts as shall have custody and use therof, to be all tymes forth comyng when my Lord Mayour for the tyme shall comande.

And upon bill of complaynt by Nicolas Wright and Robert Husthwait ageynst Thomas Moore the third wayte it is ordered that the same Thomas shall have respit to learne and applie hymself in the instruements and songs belongyng the said waytes and to leave his unthrifty gamyng upon payne to be putt forth of that office for ever.

fo. 19b. **Tadcaster Bridge. Celebration of Corpus Christi.**

30 May 3 Elizabeth (1561). *Present*—Percival Crawforth, Mayor, 6 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 3 of the xxiv.

Aggreed that one of the Chamberlaynes and Stamper shall with convenyent spede repayre to Tadcaster brig to viewe and serche if any part of the stones of tharch newly fallen are to be made of the County of the Citie of Yorke chardges (as it is sayd)

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and alsoo the frame latly occupied for makyng of that part of the brig sett in the County of the Citie, yf they be there all remaynyng and untaken away or not. And soo apon certificat therin to provide further by advise and assistance of my Lord Wharton etc. as shalbe thought expedient.

And for soo moche as the late fest of Corpus Christi is not nowe celebrated and kept holy day, as was accustomed, it is therfor agreed that on Corpus even my Lord Mayour and Aldermen shall in makyng the proclamacon accustomed goe about in semely sadd apparell and not in skarlet.

fo. 20. **The number of Weavers and looms for woollen cloth
in York.**

The copy of a scrolle sent frome the L. President and Counsell.

My Lord and the Counsell willeth the Mayour to enquer what numbre of weavers and loomes for wollen cloths are within this Citie ; and to advertise my Lord and Counsell therof and of the decay of the same.

To the right honorable the Lord President and Consell of the Queenes majesty in the North parties.

May it please the same to be advertised that accordyng to your lordships will and pleasure I the Mayour of the Citie of York have caused diligent inquirye and serche to be made what number of weavers and loomes for wollen clothe are within the same ; and therapon doo fynd and perceyve that there are in the sayd Citie not above tenne weavers, whoo can work both lynen and wollen, and yet their lyvyng is of lynen ; alsoo there is presently remaynyng in the sayd Citie iiij wollen lomes onely, wherof Thomas Clerk hath one, Roger Faucet one, William Beiston one and Abraham Harkay one, which for the most part doo stand unoccupied for lak of work. Moreover one Richard Marshall of the sayd Citie, marchant, did latly sett up drapyng in this Citie and had one wollen loome here of his owne, but bycause he founde no gaynes at it he hath leaft of. And the cause of the decaye of the sayd weavers etc. as I doo understand and learne is the lak of cloth makyng in the sayd Cite as was in old tyme accustomed, whiche is nowe encreased and used in the towne of Halyfax, Leeds and Wakefeild for that not onely the commodite of the water mylnes is there nigh hand, but alsoo the poore folk as spynners, carders and other necessary work folks for the sayd webbyng may there besyds their hand labour have kyen, fyre and other releif good and cheap whiche is in this Citie very deare and wantyng.

Yorke the viijth of June 1561.

Parsyvall Craforth, Mayour.

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fo. 20b.

The repair of Tadcaster Bridge.

At Tadcaster the 9th day of June 1561.

The Certificat of the right honorable Thomas Lord Whartone, Sir Thomas Gargrave, Sir William Vavasour, Knight, Thomas Thwayte, William Hungate, Richard Vavasour, William Watsons, Robert Paish and Roberte Foster, esquiers, Commyssionars appoynted by the Lord President and Counsell to trye forth the dyvision and bounds betwixt the Shire of Yorke and the Shire of the Citie of York and for the repayre of the brig of Tadcastre and Certificat of our doyngs to the Lord President and Counsell.

First for that that the matters abovesaid cannot be certaynly inquyred upon for shortnes of tyme nor wrightyngs and other matters presently to be shewed, and yet thaforesaid brig presently to be repaired, therefor the matter is not presently to be fully and certaynly ordered. Wherefor it is agreed that for twoo of the three arches betwene the twoo crosses on the said brig, that is to witte, the ij of the said iij arches northwards there shall a some of money be levied in the Cytie of York and the County of the same ; twoo sommes to be bestowed upon the repayre of the said twoo arches by twoo surveyours therin to be appoynted, one for the Citie and one for the Shire ; that is to witte, the money to be levied in the Citie and County therof to be bestowed upon the northeast arche of the said twoo arches, and the money to be levied in the Shire to be bestowed on the sowthe arche of the said twoo arches ; and theis payments and repayre of the brigue to be no prejudice to the said Citye and County of the same to bynde theym otherwise than they ought to be bonde by the lawes of this realme nor shalbe prejudice to the Shire of York. And for a full ordre herin it is agreed that before Allhallowtyde next or after at any tyme convenient that one nombre of honest and discrete persones shalbe chosen for the said Citie and the County therof and one other nombre for the Shire of York, that is, for either part iiij, v or vj, whiche nombre yf they can shall make a fynall ordre for the premysses, and if either partie shall make or be chardged further than shalbe their right they to be restored to their money by ordre of the said Comyssionars ; and if the said parties to be chosen as is aforesaid cannot make a full ordre for the premysses than the Lord President and Counsell to take a fynall ordre therin.

fo. 21.

Decayed Ainsty bridges.

To the righ honorable and our speciall good Lord Thomas Lord Wharton, one of the Queenes Majesties most honorable Counsell established in the North parties.

Parsyvall Craforth, Mayour of the Citie of York and his bretherne, Aldermen of the same, justices of peax within the County of the Citie of York, to the right honorable Thomas, Lord

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Wharton, Thomas Thwayte, Francys Gale, Richard Vavasour and Henry Vavasour, esquyers, greetynge. For as moche as certayne briggs within the lymits of the wapontake of thaynsty be sore decayed to the comon nusans and requyreth present repare and amendement, we shall therefor hartily desyre your good lordship and others the said worshypfull by your polytike wisdome and discrecons with suche spede as ye shall thynk requysite to take ordre with the rest of the gentlemen and others thinhabitants of the said aynsty for the ready taxynge and levie of the somme of xxxv^{li} towards the amendement of the said decayed and broken briggs, whills oportunitie of the weather and tyme of yere doo serve, like as we are takynge ordre for the undelayed getherynge of other xxxv^{li} to the same use within this Citie of York. And thus Almighty God have your good lordshippe and maisterships in his blissed tuycon. At York the xjth of June 1561.

Your lordship lovyng neighbourghes Parsyvall Craforth, Mayour and his bretherne Aldermen of York.¹

fo. 22b.

Deceitful Fishmongers.

16 June 3 Elizabeth (1561). *Present*—Percival Crawforth, Mayor, 9 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 7 of the xxiv.

John Wylkynson, Peter Hindelesse, Richard Colston and Peter Gibb, fysshmongars, commynge personally before the said presens and by theym severally examyned upon their oathes concernynge certayne forstallynge and engrossynge of freshe water fysshe and other deceptfull demeanour by theym and others of that occupacon latly used within this Cite, have deposed and confessed that part of theym by couvenant and bargayne have all suche salman as certayne fysshers of Acastre and Bisshopthorp chance to take at certayne prices; and alsoo that dyverse of theym or their servants use to goe downe by the water of Ouse and buy suche smelts, lamprays and other fysshe as they fynde gotten in the sayd water, whiche is thought by the sayd presens to be to the hurt of the sayd Citie and ageynst the statuts.

Further the said persones hath confessed and declared upon their said oaths that dyverse of theym have of late tymes practysed and used to steepe stocke fysshe in water mixed with a quantitie of lyme to seeme fayre and white to sale which is alsoo thought not onely deceptfull but alsoo dangerouse to the health of the queenes people. Wherapon the sayd fysshmongars have submytted theym selfs to thordre and jugement of this sayd presens, by whome they were awarded to prysone for their sayd mysdemeanour and deceit thereto remayne unto further ordre.

And now alsoo upon the sayd occasion it was ordeyned to be observed from hensforth for ever that no maner of fysshmongar

¹ On 13 June the City Council arrange for the raising of £35 in the City.

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nor any other persone of this Citie doo steepe any maner of stok-fysshe or other fysshe to sett in water by any meanes mixed with lyme apon peyne to every of theym herin offendyng to forfayte vli a pece.

fo. 23. **The Fishmongers. Absenting Councillor fined.**

18 July 3 Elizabeth (1561). *Present*—Percival Crawfurth, 7 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 4 of the xxiv.

The fysshmongars latly commytted to warde and there yet remaynyng for certayne their offenses, were nowe for their sayd offenses fyned every of theym accordyng to the quantitie of their mysdeds ; and soo herapon were for this tyme dischargd of their sayd imprisonment.

And nowe alsoo it was further ordeyned that from henseforth none of the fysshmongars or others shall exacte or take of any poore folk bryngyng lampraves, smelts, or suche lyke freysshe water fysshe in tyme of yere to sell within the Cite any pageant sylver apon peyne to be grevously punnysshed.

Item that James Symson one of the xxiiij shall for his long and willfull absentyng hymself and not comyng to this hous or thassemblez albeit he was lawfully warned pay to the Chambre use in name of a fyne vjs viij^d without forgyvenesse.

fo. 23b. **Proclamation against various abuses.**

To oure trustie and welbeloved the Mayour and Aldermen of oure Citie of Yorke.

BY THE QUENE.

Trustie and welbeloved we grete you well ; and for asmuche as ye have bene very necligent in thaccomplyshement of youre dewties in thexecution of the former articles and instructiones heretofore sent yow towching servaunts, laborers, regrators and others by meanes whereof litle amendement or none haith as yeit ensewed thereof ; wherefore least ye shuld hereafter use the like slacknes in that behalf to the parlous example of the countree, disquyet of oure loving subjectes and hinderaunce of the Common welth, whiche we mynd not any longer to suffer nor bere in good parte nor yet that ye yourselves shuld offend in any of the same estatuts and lawes and speciallie for the statute of reteanours and gyvers of lyveres ; we have thought good by vertue of these our letters to will and comaund you that ye, furst reformyng your owne mysdoings therein and especiallie concernyng reteynors and giving of lyveres, to kepe our sessiones within xv dais after the [date] hereof in that oure Citie of Yorke and the Countie of the same in suche convenyent places as ye shall thinke mete there to enquer emongs other thoffendors and offenses conteyned in thafforesaid articles and especiallie to loke well to the estatuts and lawes against

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false rumors and tailes, ryots, routs and unlawfull assemblies, vacabunds, forstallers, regrators and ingrossers, aile howses, givers of lyvereis and reteanors and also to take order that no holieday be kept but suche as be allowed and appoineted and that ye take order and for spedie reformacon at the furthest within x daies after the said sessiones and to certefye your procedings in the premysses what ye shall have therin found or can knowe to the Lord Presedent and others of oure Counsell at oure Citie of Yorke, or elsewhere before the first daie of August next enseweng without any further delay ; faile ye not this to do upon payne of losse and forfeiture of xli^{li} of every of you to be forfeited and levyed to our use of youre lands, tenements, goods and cattells and (*fo.* 24) as ye further tender our pleaser and will aunswere at your perills for the contrary. Yeven under oure signet at our seid Citie the xxij day of June the third yere of oure reigne.

And by her Counsell.

The assessment for Tadcaster Bridge.

To our very good lord the Lord Maiour of the Citie of York and the Aldermen his bretheren.

After oure hertie commendacons unto youre lordshipe ; these be to signifie unto youe that we have according to your desire called before us thinhabitants of this wapentake of Anstye and have by the consent of the moost part of theme maid asesement of the somme that ye required us to leyve in suche sorte as we do think moost indeffrent, whiche assesement we do send unto you here inclosed to thentente ye may take order for the gatheryng of the same. And for as moche as there was none of the lordship of Wilstrope before us we have left the same unsessed to your lordship and your brethern. And so we bid you, good lordshipe, fayrewell. Frome Marston the xixth of June by your loving neibours.

Thomas Thwaite.

Frances Gaille.

Richard Vavasour.

Henry Vavasour.

(*fo.* 24b). To the right worshipfull Sir Oswald Wyllesthrope, Knyght, Thomas Wharton, Marmaduke Slyngesby, Frauncys Gale, Richard Vavasour, Henry Vavasour and Peter Newark, esquyers.

With oure right hertie recommendacons to your good maister-ships ; thes are to advertise the same that we have receyved your very gentle letter with your procedings of assessing towards reparacons of Tadcaster brige etc. wherein like as ye have very well begonne we shall moost hertely desyre you, according to oure agreement taken at Tadcaster before the right honorable the Lord

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Wharton and others of the Quenes majesties moost honorable Counsell, ye woll not onely rate suche the tounes or lordships as ar yet unassessed but also to take fynall order emonste you for the further levie of the said assesement by one or two suche trusty collectours as ye shall thynke mete to thentente the said money may be bestowed upon the present reparacons and chardges of the said brige lyke as for oure parte we do already within this Citie. Eftsoones prayeng you to certifie us as sone as ye may of your doings herin accordyngly. And thus we bydd you mooste hartely well to fare. Frome Yorke the xxiiij of June.

Your lovyng neighborushes Pars. Craforth Maiour, and Aldermen of the Citie of Yorke.¹

fo. 26. **Horses and Escort for the President of the Council
in the North**

1 July 3 Elizabeth (1561). *Present*—Percival Crawforth, Mayor, 6 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 3 of the xxiv.

Consultacon was had for preperation of xxxvi horse for my Lord President and his famylie ridyng towards Newcastell and sex horse more for guyds suche as shall ryde with theym to see to the said horse and saffe bryngyng theym home ageyne. And therapon that not onely my Lord Mayour and Aldermen with the xxiiij but also suche of the substantiall and honest persones as hath ben Chambrelaynes shall every of theym on Thursday next at vij of the cloke before none on Toft greene bryng or cause to be brought every of theym one hable horse furnisshed with brydle and sadle before my Lord Mayour and his Bretherne to thentent that than and ther xxxvj of the most semely and metest horse may be taken forth of the wholle.

fo. 26b. **Presentments at the Special Sessions for certain abuses.**

18 July 3 Elizabeth (1561). *Present*—Percival Crawforth, Mayor, 8 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 4 of the xxiv.

Were openly redd all the presentments and judgements founde at the last special sessons ; and upon hearyng and deliberat advyse nowe had in the same, it was agreed that part of the offendars shold be forthwith commytted to ward, other part referred to the punnishment of thordynary and the residew upon reasonable consideracon stayed of their punnishment unto Maister Recorder advise be therin had.

And alsoo that a certificat shall be with all diligens made to my Lord President and Counsell as towchyng the sayd presentments, recytyng therin the special offenses founde but not the names of the offenders.

¹ On *fo.* 25 are the figures for the assessment of the villages of the Ainsty.

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fo. 27.

The Queen's Commission.**Assessment for relief of the poor.**

23 July 3 Elizabeth (1561). *Present*—Percival Crawforth, Mayor, 9 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 2 of the xxiv.

The Quenes majestie Commyssion dyrect to my Lord Mayour and his bredren, Aldermen, the xviiij of July, was openly redd with one booke in prynte of dyverse lawes and statuts to be dewly putt in execucon accordynglie, whiche was annexed to the said Commyssion.

It is agreed that gatheryng shall be weekly mayd every sonday for the power accordyng as is sessed in every parochie as followeth; also bylletts to be mayd to every parochie in there wards of there rent; also it agreyd that who as denyeth and wyll not pay his indyfferent sessement shalbe commytt to ward unto he pay it.

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Monk Ward.		Walmegate Ward.	
Crysts parochie	- vjs	Crux parochie	- vjs
St. Sampsons	- iijs iiij ^d	Alhallos	- - vs
Trynyty	- - xij ^d	St. Mighells	- - iijs
St. Savyour	- - xij ^d	St. Marys in Castel-	
St. Mauryces	- vj ^d	gate	- - xvj ^d
St. Andrewes	- vj ^d	St. Denys	- - iijs
St. John del Pyke	- xij ^d	St. Margarets	- xij ^d
St. Ellens on the	} xij ^d	St. Lowerance with	} viij ^d
Walles, St. Cuth-		St. Nycolas	
berts, St. Marys		St. Peter the Lytle	xij ^d
in Laithrop,			
Alhallos			
xiijs iijs		xxijs ijs	

Bowthome Ward.		Myklyth Ward.	
St. Mighells the		St. Johns	- - ijs vj ^d
Belfray	- - vjs	St. Martyns	- - } xxj ^d
St. Wylfryds	- - xx ^d	St. Gregorys	- - }
St. Olaves	- - ijs vj ^d	Trynytie	- - ijs jd
St. Ellens	- - iijs	Alhallos	- - xij ^d
St. Martyns in		Newe Bysshophill	vj ^d
Conystrete	- iijs iiij ^d		
xvjs vj ^d		vijs xd	

fo. 27b. **Royal order for the execution of certain statutes.**

To ower trusty and welbeloved the Maiour and Aldermen of our Citie of Yorke.

BY THE QUEENE.

Trustie and welbeloved we grete you well; and where as you by speciall graunts from us and our predecessoures have comytted unto you the charge and order of that oure Citie of Yorke and Countie of the same, to se our people and loving subjects there well kepte in quiet, and thoffendours of oure lawes reformed and corrected according to there deserts, and therefore we wold that you and every of you shuld consyder that ye be pleased in that trust not to exercise that auctorytye for your owen private ganes, credite or reputacon nor to colour or shadoo your owne causes or cause of your frends or servaunts, but, fyrst and cheffie, your selfs so to order your owen doings and conversations that ye may be found fawtles and that thereby and by your well doings in your office ye may be sene to theme whome ye shall rule more worthie to governe and punyssh then to be governed and punyshed; and further for the reverence of God and your bounden alledgiaunts to us to see religion, disorder ageynst the same and agaynst our lawes and peace suppressed wherein the more auctoritie ye have the sharpper shall your punnyshment be bothe before God and the world, if ye neklekt your dueties. And where heretofore we have by our Counsell in thes northe parties sent unto you commissiones for the dewe execucon of sundry privat lawes and statutes thought convenient to be speciallie loked unto and dewly executed ye have therein as yet for the most parte bene necligent and litle regardid your dueties therein, wherefor eftsones we mynding to have oure loving subjects well governed, ordred and preserved and thoffendours and mysdoers corrected and reformid have as well by thadvice of our Prevy Counsell as also of oure Counsell in these north parts caused to be collected and noted unto you certen lawes and statuts the whiche at this tyme seme more necessarie then others to be earnestlie executed, and because ye may the more easilie consyder the same and put theme in dewe execucon we have caused parte of theme to be collected into breve notes and pryntyd and have herewith sent one of theme unto you, and howe necessary the execucon of thes speciall lawes and statutes be, we nede not moche to remembre unto you for that you bothe knowe and fele no smale greif, truble and disorder for lake of the dewe execucon thereof. And therefore this shalbe to will and comaund you that you setting aparte all slouthefulnes, folishe petie and effecons do earnestlie execute and cause to be executed and duellie observed all (fo. 28) the same lawes withoute respecte of any person or persons. And for that we be desyerous to perceyve and knowe your deligences and good doings in the premysses with the state of oure said Citie and Countie we will and commaund you to devidd youreselfs as ye have used, and to take order for the observacon of the said lawes, correccion and reformacon of thoffendours, and monthlie betwixt this [and] alhallowtide next to advertise the state of that oure said Citie and

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Countie and your doings in the premysses to oure right trustie and right welbelovid Cosyn and Councellour therle of Rutland, Lord Presydent of oure Counsell in the northe parties, with whome we have taken order for ouer further advertisement of your doings herein. And we wold that this oure sharppe wrytting whiche we by the slacknes and untowardnes of some be forced to wryte shuld not discorage suche of you whome we knowe to be carefull of your charge and percase the worse allowed in the opynyon of others who car more to serve there owne gredynes, pleasour and others effecons than the quiete and good order of oure loving subjects or perill that may chaunce by disorder to the rest, the whiche sorte of men are not longe so to be borne with all as perhappes they thinke ; and yet upon reporte frome oure said President and Councell of there amendement we shall be content to omytt faults past and regard onelie there doings from henceforth. Yeven under our signet at our toune of Newcastle upon Tyne the xvijth day of July the third yere of our reigne.

And by her Councell.

Postscripta. Oure further pleasoure is that these statutes ensuing may be also with the rest in the booke by you enqueyred of and duely observed viz.

Against conveying of hyds, lether and tallowe over the see.

Against tanners, shewemakers and curryours.

For the releif of the power.

For servaunts and laborers.

Against ryotts and unlawfull assemblies.

fo. 29.

Help for Weavers.

Punishment for those who did not find horses for the President.

8 August 3 Elizabeth (1561). *Present*—Percival Crawforth, Mayor, 7 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 4 of the xxiv.

Aggreed that the weavers of this Citie apou sufficient suerties by discrecon of my Lord Mayor shall have lent theym of the Chambre money vij^{li} towards their great chardgs of the perpetuall exonoration of their fee farme to be payed ageyne afore newe yeres day and to be bonde to twoo of this hous for the same.

Item that all suche the freemen of this Citie as were appoynted and commaunded to fynde horses for my Lord President to Newcastle and made defalt and not havynge their said horse ready to serve at the tyme to theym lymyted shall paye every of theym to the Chambre use in name of a fyne iij^s iiij^d apece for their sayd defaults.

fo. 33b.

Thirty footmen to be levied.

10 September 3 Elizabeth (1561). *Present*—Percival Crawforth, Mayor, 7 Aldermen.

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Was redd the Queenes Majesties letters of Commission of Muster to be had, the tenour wherof herafter enseweth.

BY THE QUEENE.

Trusty and welbeloved we greete you well ; and although thanks be to God we presently remayne in good peace with all prynces and trust of the contynewance of the same, yet for that we have latly upon speciall consideracons sente owte of our towne of Berwick certayne numbere of our gareyson there for our service in Ireland, we have thoughte good and expedient to supplye and furnishe our said towne with suche a garryson as may answer all events. This shalbe therfor to woll and commande you and by theis presents to authorise you with all spede to muster, levie and prepare in a perfecte readynes thrytty footmen in our Citie of Yorke and Aynsty of the same. And the same thirtie to be so prepared that of every hundreth and after the rait of lesse nombre there be xxv shott and xxv pyks of every hundreth and the reist bylls and halbarts ; the same to be contynued and kepte in suche perfyte redynes as they may be delyveryd to Sir William Fayrfax, Knight, appoynted there Capten, upon one howers warnyng redy to marche forward to oure said towne, as they appon our further pleasoure knownen shalbe appoyntyd. At our said Citie the ixth day of Septembre.

And by her Counsell.

fo. 34b.

Warning to a slack Alderman.

17 September 3 Elizabeth (1561). *Present*—Percival Crawforth, Mayor, 8 Aldermen.

For soe moche as Maister Thomas Lawson, made latly Alderman of this Citie, hath syns his election to the same rowme ben very slak and negligent in commyng accordyng to his oathes and dewtie to assist my Lord Mayour with other his brederne Aldermen with his consell at their accustomed assemblies, towchyng as well the Queenes majesties affayres as the necessary busynesses of this Citie ; it is nowe agreed that the said Maister Lawson forthwith shalbe warned and in my Lord Mayour name commaunded from henseforth to gyve his attendans and to be in a redynes upon warnyng to be gyven at his dwellyng hous in York and from tyme to tyme to come to the sayd assemblez upon payne of forfeiture of tenne pounds.

fo. 34b.

Sir Martin Bowes' Gift.

To the right honorable and my very syngular good Lord the Lord Mayour of York and to his right worshipfull Bretherne of the same delyver this.

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Right honorable and my very synguler good Lord I have me hertely commended to your good Lordship etc. ; and for as moche as a fyve yeres past¹ I did will and bequeath certayne thyngs to be done in York within the paroch of Saynt Cuthberts in Peseholme, where I was borne, by the oversyght of suche as your Lordship shold appoynt as appere by your bonde under your common seale remaynyng in Goldsmythes Hall within the Citie of London. (*fo.* 35). And for as moch as it hath pleased God to send me life to see certayne alteracons in the world I myself have surveyed my booke of devyse latly made for the same, whiche same self devise you have declared in wrighting by covenants betwene you and me remaynyng with you ; wherof I have declared unto my frends and felaw wardens, the bryngars herof, named Maister John Henrison and Maister Thomas Gardynar ; and for so moche as there ys a proviso in my gyft that if it soo chause that any thyng in my said gyft shold happen to be rekoned or accepted superstitiouse that than it shold remayne and be payd by yow unto the wardens and company of goldsmythes in London apou their reasonable request to you yerely to be made for the payment of the wholle somme whiche is iij^{li} by yere ; yet I consideryng the charatable dede of the bestowyng the bread among the poore people of the paroch and other charitable thyngs that is in the same I am pleased and contented that as moche and soo moche of the same as shalbe thought superstitiouse by you and my felawe wardens shalbe changed and altered into other good deds of charitie to be gyven and bestowed by you and your deputie to the poor within the said paroch after suche sort as I have noted unto theym in a booke of the devyse of the same. And as you and they shall agree I requyre you to be certified by theym in wrightyng, and I shalbe glad to take ordre for the performance of the same or ells other wise I must take ordre accordyng to the waraunts remaynyng betwene you and me. And thus I committe your good Lordship and all your Bredren to the tuycon of our Lord, whoo kepe you long in health. From London the ixth day of Septembre 1561.

By yours to command,

Martyn Bowes, Knight.

To the right worshipfull Sir Martyn Bowes, Knight, Alderman of London yeve theis.

Right worshipfull, with our most hartie commendacons to your good maistership ; may it please the same to be advertised that we have receyved by Maister Henryson and Maister Gardynar your very gentle lettar of the ixth of Septembre 1561, wherby we doo well perceyve your contynewall good mynd and godly zeale which ye naturally beare (*fo.* 35b) to this poor Cite of York wherin ye were borne for the whiche besyds your reward of God we alle

¹ See *York Civic Records*, vol. V, p. 173.

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doo gyve our most hartie thanks ; and albeit by reason of alteracons we could not in every poynt fully observe some part of the covenants and condicions betwene you and us latly made, yet for dischardge of our consciences in that behalf (not offendyng any lawe) we have syns the lat change used such part of your said devyse as is now abrogated soo nigh agreeable to your godly entent as we could, that is to saye, usyng in the stead of the dirige the evenyng prayer, for the masse of requiem the Communion, the clerke prayeng therat for your good estate ; and the Mayor and Aldermen with the mace bearer and sword bearer there offeryng and receyvynge accordyngly, the holy bread money beyng bestowed upon bread and wyne for the Communion and the waxe money upon the poore.

But where nowe your worship of your goodnesse have not onely by your said lettre but alsoo by certayne notes in a book of articles of your said former devyse signified unto us that your pleasure nowe is that soo moche therof as may be thought superstitious shold upon your further determynat ordre therein knowne be gyven and bestowed by us to the poore of the said parochie or upon one yerly sermon to be there made which your godly purposes we cannot but worthely prayse.

And albeit, right worshipful, that the said parochie cherche of St Cuthberts at your worships contemplacon was latly preserved standyng and for thamentment therof one other parochie to the same unyted yet the same is still of suche povertie that for lakke of sufficient lyvyng the same is ofte tymes destitute of a curate to serve there except of the Saboth day ; wherfor if it may stand with your worships pleasure of your further charytie to gyve some yerely augmentacon towards fyndyng of the curat and one sermon to be made there yerely by a dyvyne, God shalbe more devoutly served there, and alsoo the parochians and their children better instructed.

And accordyng to your expectacon and confidens what so ever ye shall wyll us or our successors to doo and fullfyll in the premisses we wilbe bounde feythfully to see kepte and maynteyned for ever, God willyng, whoo preserve your good maistership in moche worship with good health long to contynewe to his pleasure. York the xvijth of Septembre 1561.

Your worships lovyng countryman assured.

Parsyval Crafurth Mayor of York
and his bredren Aldermen of York.

fo. 37.

Arrangements for the Musters.

Ordre taken by the Lord Presydent and Consell for the musteryng of suche foote men as are appoynted to serve the Queenes majestie.

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First it is ordered that every ensigne shall have appoynted fotemen cc.

Every hundreth to have pykes armed	xxv	}	c
Hacquybus and other shott - -	xxv		
Billes and other short weapons -	L		
Evey pik to have for his armour -	xxx ^s	}	xxxij ^s
For his weapon - - - - ij ^s in all			
Every haquibus furnished to have a murrion and an haquebus or for the same		}	xxv ^s
Every archer to have a bowe, iiij bowe stryngs, a shef of arrowes to shutt or a sallet or for all the same furnytur - -		}	x ^s
Every bill and other short weapons to have an alman . . . or cote of plate, a sallet or for the same furnytur		}	x ^s
Every man to have a sword, a daggar, a girdle, bootes, a jerkyn, a payre sloppes of freese		}	
Every man to have in his purse - -	v ^s		

It is ordered that in every Ridyng twoo honest men shalbe appoynted to receyve suche money as shalbe lymyted for this furnytur whoo shall delyver the same to the Capitayne appoynted and take a note of his hand for the receipt herof.

fo. 38. French Noblemen to be entertained by the City Council.

10 October 3 Elizabeth.

To our trustie and welbeloved the Mayour, Aldermen and Shirefs of our Cite of Yorke.

BY THE QUEENE.

Trusty and welbeloved we grete you well: lettyng you to wytte that we have licensed the grand Priour of France, uncle to the Queene of Scotts and Monsr Danville, sone to the Constable of France, and there noble men and gentlemen that accompaigned the sayd Queene into Scotland to passe throwgh this our realme of England into France; whoo as we be credibly enformed wilbe the ixth of this instant at Berwik. And for that we thynk it convenyent that in their passage they shold be used with all suche curtesy and gentlenes as to estats of honour belongeth we have thought good to gyve you knowlege therof to thentent that if they shall come to our Citie of York you shall see theym well provyded for in lodgyng and other necessarye enterteynement in suche good and honorable sort as may best seme for the reputacon of us and our realme, soo well as ye convenyently may. And further if they shall come by post then ye shall alsoo provide sufficient post horses for theym as aperith reasonable. More over our further pleasure is that ye shall take ordre for the appoyntment of the worshipfull

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and most metest of the Citie of York and Aynsty to accompanie our trusty and right welbeloved John Vaughan esquier to conducte theym to Tadcastar brige the day and tyme wherof ye shalbe advertised from our Counsell establyshed in the North parties. Faile ye not herin as we specially trust you and as ye will deserve our harty thanks for the same. Cawood, vijth of October.

And by her Counsell.

(fo. 38b). Item it was devised that the best innes within this Citie shold be viewed by the Chamberlaynes and serchars of inholdars to thentent that apon their certificat the best of the sayd innes may be prepared in a readynes or lodgyng the said honorable personags.

fo. 39. **Proclamation about the price of Ale and Beer.**

7 November 3 Elizabeth (1561). *Present*—Percival Crawforth, Mayor, 8 Aldermen.

Aggreed that a proclamacon for the sale of ale and beer within this Cite shall be made to morowe as foloweth.

My Lord Mayour of this Cite of Yorke and his bretherne, Aldermen of the same, in the Queenes majestie name chardgeth all maner of common brewars of the said Citie and suburbs from hensforth to brewe 'suche healthsome ale as they may offer to sell after the rate of iiij^d the galone or under, and that none of the said brewars or any typlar² doo sell any maner of stale ale above the said price of iiij^d the galone nor sell by any stone cuppe, disshe or kanne but only by such juste measures of the pynte, quart, pottell or gallone as be tryed and sealed by the Queenes standard; and that no maner of beer brewar sell any beer above the rate of iiij^d the gallone nor sell by any vessell other than by the barrel, kilderkyn and fyrkyn of assise aggreable to the standerd; apon peyne for every default as is provided in suche casez by the statuts of the realme withowte any maner forgyvenesse; and this price to contynewe in force unto further ordre be herin taken by my said Lord Mayour and Aldermen.

God save the Queene.

fo. 40

Minstrells' Ordinances.

25 November 4 Elizabeth (1561). *Present*—Percival Crawforth, Mayor, 7 Aldermen, 6 of the xxiv.

At the humble sewte and prayer of the good men of the sciens of mynstrells of this Citie certayne ordynauncs were devysed hereafter to be observed in maner and forme and in every poynt

¹ For the price of ale in York see *York Civic Records*, I, 58, 69, 93; III, 109, 117, 135, 154; IV, 29, 61.

² A "typlar," tippler, at this period meant—a retailer of ale or other intoxicating liquors.

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accordyng as they be inrolled in the old register of parchement with the bosses ; and that the sayd craft of mynstrells shall of their chardgs yerely bryng forth the pageant of Herod inquiryng of the iij Kyngs for the child Jesu, some tyme brought forth by the late masons of the said Citie.

fo. 40b.

Letter from the Lord Treasurer.

Present—Percival Cawforth, Mayor, 10 Aldermen.

To my lovyng frends the Mayour and his Bretherne of the Citie of York.

After my right hartie commendacons havynge knowlege of Maister Lawson and his frynds that you mynde to call hym to the chardge of the Mayoraltye of your towne whiche were a great burden for hym to take in hand beyng no merchant nor yet any occupiar, but onely of your gentlenesse latly made free of the liberties of the Citie, whiche shold be deerly bought if he shold come to be Mayour for that consideracon, havynge no more with you but onely his dwellyng house ; this shalbe therfor to desyer you that you will contynue hym in fryndship and not chardge hym with the Mayoraltye at this tyme nor yet at any other tyme but whan he shall be willyng therin and have convenyent warnyng for the same ; and soo he shalbe the more hable to doo your desyers in that matter or any other wherin he may do pleasure to you that may convenyently lie in hym to doo. And for this your favor to be shewed hym you shall bynd me to doo you lyke pleasure for your frynde whan you shall require it. Thus fare you hartely welle. Wrytten the xixth of November 1561.

Your lovyng frynd,
Winchester.

Aggreed that reasonable answer shall be made to the said letter if Maister Recorder shall thynk requisite and in forme as he shall advise.

fo. 41.

Price of Victuals.

19 December 4 Elizabeth (1561). *Present*—Percival Cawforth, Mayor, 9 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 9 of the xxiv.

Prices was assessed of certayne vitalls by the said present in forme folowyng¹

Capon the best	xij ^d
The secund sort	viiij ^d
A cople of the best conies	viiij ^d
Pygge the best	x ^d
Gois	x ^d
Henne the best	v ^d
Wild mallard	v ^d

¹ *York Civic Records*, III, 143, gives prices in 1532.

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Woodcok	iiij ^d
Teale	iiij ^d
Plover	iiij ^d
Snype	j ^d
Eggs vj	j ^d
Larks a douzen	iiij ^d
Pigions a douzen	viiij ^d
Great birds a douzen	iiij ^d
Molton the best cast ¹	iijs iiij ^d
Beif, pork, veale	{ by discrecon and sight of my Lord Mayour and Aldermen.

Haye. The halfe peny bottell to weigh iiij^{lb}
 Or ells for haye and littar to a horse } vj^d
 day and night

Ale a galone of the best iiij^d

And to thentent that all the said rats and prices shold be dewly and fermely observed it was nowe ordeyned that what soo ever Alderman, Shiref or of the xxiiij of this Cite by theym selfs, their wifs, servants or other persons shall paye or gyve for any the aforsayd vitails above the said rats shall paye therfor in name of a fyne x^{li}.

And what soo ever other commonar or inhabitant within the said Citie or suburbs shall lykewise by theym selfs or others pay or gyve for any the said vitells above the said prices (41b) shall forfayt xx^s.

And if any gentlemens servants or catars² or other strangers beyng warnyd of the sayd prices shall willfully gyve or paye more, than suche offender to be immediately apprehended and brought to my Lord President to be ordered as his honour shall thynke requysyte.

Item for the more furtheraunce of thorder aforsayd it is further agreed that every markett day the iiij officers of the wardes at every the iiij barres and all the constablez, every of theym within their office, shall diligently lay wayte and personally travaill from vj of the cloke in the mornyng unto xj and heede that no maner of vitells be howsed or sold above the said prices.

And lykewise my¹ Lord Maiour accompayned with twoo Aldermen, begynnyng at the ancientist, with one of the Shirefs attendant on theym, shall every market day resort unto the market plac and shamblez to see the dewe ordre and prices of vitalls kepte in every behalf as is before sayd.

¹ The best cast ; the best kind.

² Catars ; caterers.

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And besyds that an officer or other diligent persone, to be appoynted by my sayd Lord Mayour, shall duryng the sayd tyme attend and gyve vigilant eye to thordre of the sayd market accordyngly.

Morover it is ordeyned that what soo ever the sayd officer or constable refuse to gyve attendaunce accordyngly or ells shall concele for any cause any maner of the sayd offenses he shall forfayte xx^s.

All whiche the sayd rates, prices, ordres and paynes above sayd were nowe allsoo openly redd to all the constablez, overseers, inholders, kepars of gests, bochers and cooks for the salf same purpose in the sayd Comon Hall assembled, at commandement of the sayd Lord Mayour, and further matter declared by mowth of the same Mayor and Aldermen to thintent that none of theym shold excuse theym the sayd defaults by ignorans.

fo. 42b. **Suggestions made to the President of the Council in
the North for the benefit of York.**

5 January 4 Elizabeth (1561-2). *Present*—Percival Cawforth, 11 Aldermen.

Certayne articles was here dyvysed to be moceoned by my Lord Mayour, Maister Robert Hall, Maister Watson, Maister Pacok and Maister Raulfe Hall to my Lord President for thamendment and relief of this Citie as foloweth.

First for sparyng of the execution of the statuts of takyng apprenticez within this Citie whois father cannot spend xx^s by yere.

And alsoo of retailyng of wyne.

Item that no matter be removed forth of the Shirefs court, triable at the comon lawe before the constable, contrary the chartre of the Quenes majesties progenitors to this Cite granted.

Item for decent reparacons to be made apou the late chantry and college lands within this Citie remaynyng in the Quenes hands whiche by occason of ruyne therof is a great defacyng to the Citie and dymynyshyng of her majesties rents.

Item in consideracon of the evydent decaye and dymenishyng both of people and habitacons, by the third part within this Cite, easement to be had in tyme of the Quenes service towards her warres ageynst Scotland accordyngly.

Item for a speciall ordre to be taken concernyng the bounds of the County of the Cite of York for ageynst Tadcaster brige.

And nowe alsoo it was aggreed that my Lord President shall have in name of a newe yeres gyft of the Chambre costs one tonne of wyne and my Lady halfe a dowzen sucar loves.

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fo. 45. **Dignity of the City Council to be maintained.**

20 January 4 Elizabeth (1561-2).

Item for avoydyng misordre in the laudable rites and usages of this Citie it is nowe aggreed that Maister Criplyn, one of the xxiiij, shall wayte upon my Lord Mayour in his crymson gowne on Saynt Blasy day next and other usuall dayes and tymes that hath and shalbe used, upon payne of fyve marks to be forfeited to the Chambre use withowte any mytigacon except excuse reasonable and warnyng to be forthwith gyven hym herof by an officer.

fo. 46b. **Present for Sir Thomas Gargrave.**

30 January 4 Elizabeth (1561-2).

Item it is nowe aggreed that Sir Thomas Gargrave, Knight, one of the Queenes Counsell in theis Northe parties, and freeman of this Cite, for that he is very good maister and dyverse ways shewyng great pleasures and moche beneficiall to this Citie shall have in present of the Chambre costs one tonne of gascoigne wyne to be delyvered hym at Hull.

fo. 48. **False Rumours.**

4 February 4 Elizabeth (1561-2). *Present*—Thomas Lawson, Mayor, William Tancred, Recorder, 8 Aldermen, 6 of the xxiv.

To our trusty and welbeloved the Mayor and Aldermen of our Citie of York.

Trusty and welbeloved we grete you well ; consideryng there is of late certayne rumourz and bruts¹ raised as well abowt our Citie of London as in many other placis of this our realme that wee wold decrye our money at or before this next Lady daye, we dowbt lest the same be brought into that our Citie of York; and therfor we doe by theis our lettres assure you that the said rumorz be false and that we doo not soo meane. Wherfor ye may not onely make declaration in all placis in your rule but alsoo punish sharply all suche as after suche declaracon made shal soo report and further if any victaills or suche lyke have bene by theis rumors enhansed to provide some good remedy therfor; and howe soo ever theis rumors or newes shalbe brought particlarly to yourselves we woll ye shall credit none such but take theym for false as most assuredly they bee. Faill ye not herof as yow tendre our pleasor and will answer the contrarie at your perill.

Yorke the second day of February.

And by her Counsell.

¹ Bruits; bruits ; reports.

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fo. 48b. **Drinking in York.** **Eating Meat in Lent.**

27 February 4 Elizabeth (1561-2). *Present*—Thomas Lawson, Mayor, 9 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 4 of the xxiv.

Aggreed that the constablez of every parochie of this Cite shalbe commanded to present unto Maister wardens of every the iiij wardes in wrightyng the names of every suche persone as occupies brewyng or tiplyng, be he allowed or not allowed, to thentent that the sayd wardens, every in their oune ward, may consult and conside whiche of theyme be most necessarie and mete to contynewe and whiche may be spared soo that at the next assemble of this hous some good ordre may be taken in that behalf.

Item that processe shalbe furthwith made for inquirye of eatyng of flesshe in this Cite or suburbs ageynst Mondy next after mydlent Sonday to thend that certificat maybe made up into the Chancery as was the last yere.

fo. 49b. **Corpus Christi Play or the Creed Play to be given this year.**

3 March 4 Elizabeth (1561-2).

Aggreed that the play comonly called Corpus Christi play shall this yere apou reasonable consideracon be played on St. Barnabe day thapostle, and thystories of the old and new Testament; or ells the Crede play, if apou examinacon it maybe, shalbe played and billetts therapon to be gyven forth as hath ben accustomed.

fo. 50. **Play arrangements.**

6 April 4 Elizabeth (1562). *Present*—Thomas Lawson, Mayor, 9 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 2 of the xxiv.

It was agreyd that Corpus crysty play shall be playd of the day accustomyd viz. apou Corpus cristy day.

Item it is agreyd that John Granger, marchant, shall be paygant maister for thyernmongers and to bryng furth the play therof this yere, and other that occupieth thyngs that belongeth to that paygant to be contrybutories for their paygant money towards the same.

It is also agreyd that Christofer Grason, pynner, shall bryng furth the paygant with the paynters this yere.

fo. 50b. **Ale sellers to be licensed.** **Price of ale.**

10 April 4 Elizabeth. *Present*—Thomas Lawson, Mayor, 8 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 2 of the xxiv.

Aggreed that no maner of persone or persones after Saynt Georgs day next commyng shall brewe to sell or tyle any ale or beer within this Citie or suburbs of the same but onely such inholdars, brewars and honest citizens as be therunto specially allowed¹.

¹ The names of these follow. 137 in all.

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(*fo.* 51b). And it is agreed that none of the said persones what soo ever theybe shall after the said Saynt George even selle any of the best ale above that price ijs to the Citie use and soo to contynewe untill a new price be gyven by my Lord Mayor.

Further that no maner persone, inhoulder or other, refuse to sell after the sayd price and rate accordyngly, apon payn to be clerely dischargd and disallowed within the sayd Citie for ever.

And that with all convenyent spede commandment be gyven not onely to the above named not to sell ale or beer in any other wise but alsoo that all other persons whatsoever latly usyng bruying or tiplyng within the sayd Cite or suburbs shall from the sayd Saynt Geoge even leave of and no more brue or typple apon peyne lymyted by statute.

fo. 52. **Lord Mayor accused of unfairness.**

27 April 4 Elizabeth (1562). *Present*—Thomas Lawson, Mayor, William Tancred, Recorder, 8 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 4 of the xxiv.

For soo moche as Maister Bekwith hath reported unto my Lord President that my Lord Mayour that nowe is was non indifferent judge for hym ; it is thought that he hath mysused¹ hymself in soo sayeng ; and therfore with wholle consent of all this hows is adjudged to paye to the Chambre use in name of a fyne xxs; and that apon his gentle submission to have it gyven ageyn all but for a pottell of wyne.

fo. 52b. **Sheriffs' Ridings.**

10 May 4 Elizabeth (1562).

Aggreed that the Sheriffs shall have commandement immediately to prepare for their rydyng with honest men on Corpus Christy day and Mydsomer even accustomed.

fo. 54. **York Tailors to be bound.**

22 May 4 Elizabeth (1562). *Present*—Thomas Lawson, Mayor, 12 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff.

Was redd the Queenes majesties proclamacons concernyng the dewe and spedy execucon of certayne good statuts and ordynauncs dyvysed by her Highnes and her Privay Consell, which attentifly heard and deliberatly considered, it was first aggreed that all maner the taylers and hosiers of this Cite and suburbs shalbe imedyatly cherdged of the Queenes majesties behalf in no wise to put any more cloth or lynyng in hose or make theym in any other facyon from henceforth but accordyng to the tenour of the

¹ Mysused ; misconducted.

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sayd ordynance all which the sayd taylors at commandment here personally appering were in this behalf straigtly chardged accordyngly. And every the sayd taylors hath promysed to be bound unto the Queenes majestie by their severall obligacons for the bettar and more observans of the sayd ordre accordyng as by her Gracs proclamacon is dyvysed. And for soo moch as the sayd obligacons cannot be allready made withowt a convenyent tyme ; it is therfore agreed that first the taylers of Bothome ward shalbe bounde before my Lord Mayor and wardens in the Common Hall to morow at iij of the cloke in thafternone ; and Walmegate on monedy and lykewise Monk ward and Myklythward the same day in thafternone.

And for soo moche as the sayd taylors, freemen of this Cite are very poore men, and to be bounde by the Queenes majesties commandement withoute any profit to themselves, it is therfor agreed that all the sayd obligacons for freemen shalbe made of the Chambre chardgs.

Item it is nowe alsoo agreed that no maner of inholder or other persone shall take any more day and night for one horse grasse than iiij^d apon peyne of xx^s.

fo. 55.

Against monstrous apparel.

1 June 4 Elizabeth (1562). *Present*—Thomas Lawson, Mayor, 10 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 6 of the xxiv.

To our trusty and welbeloved the Mayor and Aldermen of the Cite of York and to every of theym.

BY THE QUEENE.

Trustie and welbeloved we grete yow well ; and where as we have latly sent forth our proclamacons in prynt towchyng thacts of apparel, armour, great hoisez and the wearyng of great hosez, trusses, swordes, daggars and other thyngs mencioned therein ; we consideryng the great inconvenyencs and enormyties that hath ensewed to the common weale of this our realme for the not observyng and execucon of the same, for the speciall trust and confidens whiche we have reposed in you have thought good to will and commande you that you forthwith apon the receipt of theis our lettres do diligently see for the due and spedy execution of the sayd statuts and proclamacons accordyng to the contents therof without respect of any persone. And further our pleasure is that ye faile not monethly to gyve your advertisement unto our ryght trusty and ryght welbeloved cosyn and consellor, therle of Rutland, Lord President of our Consell establissed in the North parties, what ye shall doo and perceyve in the due observance of the sayd statuts and proclamacons and also to certifie the names of such offendars as shall not reforme and use theymselves as to their dewties apperteyning ; forseeing that ye be more circumspect and diligent

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as well in the dewe execucon of the premisses and alsoo in makyng your certificats accordyng to the tenor therof than heretofore in lyke affaires ye have ben, least we shall by that your neglygens be enforced to call you to answer to your doyns. Faile ye not herof as we specially trust you and as ye will answer to the contray. Yeven at our Citie of York xxixth of May¹.

And by her Counsell.

Letter from the Recorder.

6 June 4 Elizabeth (1562). *Present*—Thomas Lawson, Mayor, 11 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs.

To the worshipfull and his very frends Maister Robert Hall, Rauf Hall and Thomas Standeven, Aldermen of the Cite of York be this delivered.

After my very hartie commendacon unto you ; havynge your lettre dated the iiijth of June wherby I doo perceyve that certayne persones are apprehended for not obeying the Queenes highnes proclamacon concernyng wearyng of great hoses and daggers gilt with damaske work and by (*fo. 57*) the same lettre are desyrouse to knowe whyther ye may cesse the fyne and the tyme of imprisonment or that ye are bounde to certifie unto the Court of Eschequer ; this is to certifie yow that ye may impryson thoffendurs and cesse fyne by your discrecons without any certificat concernyng great hosen, daggars with damaske work, long swords and rapiers and the mysuse of the cutlers, notwithstanding the words that the fyne and imprisonment shalbe at the Queenes pleasure ; yet in soo moche as she hath appoynted you to be executourz your discrecon is her pleasure. And thus I bid you well to fare. From Borowbrig this vth of June 1562.

By your very frend,

William Tankerd.

Aggreed that John Stamper, tylar, shall have in reward xxx^s for his peynes and diligens the last yere abowte reparelling of Tadcastre brig to be payd by the Chamberleyne.

Assesment for forfaytures and fynes for gilt dagger and great hosez wearyng ageynst the Queenes proclamacon.

George Greggs for a damaske daggar price ij^s iiij^d

Of the same for his fyne xx^s

Abraham Wilkynson of Skircotes in

Halyfax parish for great hoses—price iiij^s iiij^d

Of the same for his fyne xx^s

¹ All the tailors of the City and Ainsty were summoned before the Lord Mayor and Aldermen and commanded to carry out these instructions. A complete list of the taylers in York and the Ainsty is given on folios 56 and 56b.

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fo. 58. **Letter to the President of the Council in the North
about abuses of apparel.**

To the right honorable Henry Earle of Rutland, Lord President of the Queenes Majesties Counsell established in the North parties.

Pleaseth it your honour to be advertised that accordyng to the Queenes highnes comandement by her graces lettres yeven under her signet at the Citie of York the xxixth of May to us the Mayour and Aldermen of the same Citie addressed for dewe and speady execucon of her majesties proclamacon in prynt towchyng abuses of certayne apparayle and weapons with sundrie other necessarie statuts mencioned in the same proclamacon, and specyally in a breviat therof by her highnes Privay Counsell devised the last yere ; we the said Mayour and Aldermen after receipt of the said lettre and proclamacons did forthwith assemble ourselves together within the said Citie at the place accustomed, and there hearyng and perceyvynge the contents of the same and notyng cheifly therein our owne dewties, did first name and appoynt in every warde some substancyall, discrete and trusty men ; and likewise in every towne and paroch of the Aynstie the constable and one of the most substanciall and trustie men, to see the said statute and proclamacons dewly executed. And with all convenyent spede callyng every the said persones before us did recyte and declare openly unto theym the said lettre and proclamacons and most specially that part therof whiche belonged their offices ; and soo streightly chardging every of theym in the Queenes majesties name to do thuttermost of their diligens in dewe executyng of the same and frome tyme to tyme to certifie us of their doynge therein accordingly, did further more delyver unto theym in wrightyng brief collections concernyng their said chardge and offyce. And likewise sendyng ymmediatly for all hosyers and taylars, as well of the said Citie as of the Aynstie, caused theym undelayedly to be bounde by severall obligacons every of theym to the Queenes majestie in the somme of x^{li} a pece not to make any great hoses like as in the sayd proclamacon is lymyted and expressed. And nowe as towching all our further doynge of and in the premysses from the first day of June instant unto the xxij day of the same moneth than next folowyng, we doo certifie to your honour that by authoritie aforesaid the persones, offendars hereafter named, that is to saye, George Greggs, Englishe man borne and nowe dwellyng in Antwerpe, merchant, for wearyng of one dagger supposed to be damaske work gilted and hoses put owte with sarcenet ; Abraham Wilkynson at Skircotes in Halyfax paroch for wearyng great hoses bolstred ; John Alexen of Gowle in the countie of York, yoman, for wearyng one payre great hoses bolstred, have bene therefor apprehended and by us examyned, commytted to warde and fyned within the said Citie. And alsoo one Edward Crahawe of Fetherstone hawghe in

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the Countie of Northumbreland, yoman, for wearyng a payre of great hoses bolstred, and John Webbe, gentleman, soldyar of Berwik, for wearyng of a payre of great hoses garnyshed with sylk lose, a shert with duble ruffs and a dagger exceedyng twelve ynches length were therefore imprisonned (*fo.* 58b) and soo apon reasonable consideracons after their ymprysonment with reformacon of the said abuses and offenses were lett at libertie withoute any further punnyshment for the same. Moreover like as the most part of the constables and honest men of the Aynstie, serchars appoynted, have certified unto us that no maner of thoffenses aforesaid can be founde there but all well, even soo certayne of the townships of Willesthop, Wighill with Casedike, Marston, Bisshopthorpe and Bilburgh, albeit they were streightly chardged, have as yet presented to us nothing at all. Wherefor under your lordships correction we entende to see theym have condigne punnyshement for their said necligens in this behalf. Fynally as towchyng the further dewe execucon to be had of the resydewe of the statuts comprysed in the said breviat and proclamacons we have already summond the Sessyons of Peace to be forthwith kept within the sayd Citie to inquire and determyne theryn as to our bounde dewtyes doeth apperteyne ; as knoweth Allmightie God who longe preserve your good Lordship in moche nobilitie and honour, long to prospere.

fo. 59.

Ordinances for Innholders.

15 July 4 Elizabeth (1562). *Present*—Thomas Lawson, Mayor, 7 Aldermen.

Assembled for order to be taken for inholders and common table keepers within this Citie as followeth.

Every inholder and table keeper shall take for a meale of every power sutor and servyngman *iiij^d* a pece and not above.

And the said inholders to take for horsegrasse *ij^d* a day and *ij^d* a nyght for an horse.

And those that dothe offend in any of the premysse to forfait and pay for every tyme *iijs iiij^d*.

fo. 59b.

Instructions to the Chamberlains.

21 July 4 Elizabeth (1562). *Present*—Thomas Lawson, Mayor, 11 Aldermen.

Aggreed that the Chambrelaynes shall have in commandement without any further dylay to cause the Mayor kidcot and the brig with bowe brig and the cornar hows of the brig to be sufficiently reparelled and amended of the Chambre chargs apon peyne of imprissonment if they be any longar remisse or negligent.

Item that the sayd Chambrelaynes doo pay Maister Haryngton *lxvjs viij^d* for fyve tymbre trees ligheng at the common stathe and to see theym saffly kept for the Citie use.

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Item that the Chambrelaynes doo loke for tenaunts of the chambres above in the chapell of Ouse brig and to lett theym for the Cite most advauntage.

Item that the Shirefs tolle bothe be alsoo amended and the brygmaisters to see the street in the water lane amended.

fo. 60b.

Talk at an Alderman's table.

27 July 4 Elizabeth (1562). *Present*—Thomas Lawson, Mayor, 10 Aldermen.

Was redde a certayne Commission under the Queenes majestie signet to the L. Mayor of Yorke, etc., addressed, for strong execucion of certayne statuts and specially ageynst rumer and newes and ageynst rebellion, etc.

And nowe apou occasion of certayne talk alleged to be had in an Aldermans hows of this Citie, Maister Copland did here declare and saye that on fryday last beyng the xxij of this instant July the persones herunder named, that is to say, Robert Bowes, Christopher Lacells, esquiers, Lady Stapleton, Marmaduke Slyngesby, Christopher Lupton, George Conyers, Thomas Layton, esquiers, Gervaux Salvayne, Leonard Belt, gent with others satt at his the sayd Maister Copland table at dynar, but what communication they had there he sayeth he cannot tell for he was not there hymself, but sayeth that his wife duryng the sayd dynnar tyme went in and owte and heard wordes but what they were she cannot tell, saff onely that at the latter end of the dynar they caused her to sytt downe, and than she heard Maister Lacells say he had payd for many fyres in London and yet was never soo well warmed as he was ones at the brennyng of one Gibson¹ in Queene Maries dayes and further cannot saye.

William Robynson, merchant, apou his oathe examyned before the said presens sayeth that on Saturday last abowte iiij of the klok in thafter none betweene Clifton and Roclif he heard a gentleman in company of Maister Deane of Duresme and Maister Frodyngham saye unto the sayd Deane that Maister Christopher Lacells had brought newes that the crosse and crucifix shold come up agayne, and Maister Deane answerd—I am very sorie to heare theis newes and if ye will stand to theym I will goo bak agayne for I knowe it is an untrueth. The name of this gentleman this examinat sayeth he can not tell certaynly but as he supposeth Aldan.

(fo. 61). Marmaduke Slyngesby of Wighel in the County of the Cite of York, esquier, the xxix of July, 1562, before Thomas Lawson, Mayour, William Watson and Thomas Standeven, Aldermen, by vertue of commission, examyned, sayeth and declareth

¹ See *Foxe Book of Martyrs*, London, 1641. Vol. III, p. 356. Foxe says that Gibson was "tormented and put to death" on November 18, 1557.

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that on fryday last passed he was at dynnar at Maister Copland hous in the company of the gentlemen named by Maister Copland, and emongs other talks he heard Maister Christopher Lacells saye he durst lay a wager that the crucifix with Marie and John shuld be sett up ageyne in alle cherches betwix this and Christmas next whiche wordes he spake openly at the sayd table.

fo. 61b. **Letter from the Council in the North about
false rumours.**

To our trusty and welbeloved the Mayor and Aldermen of our Citie of York and to every of theym.

BY THE QUEENE

Trustie and welbeloved we grete yowe well. Albeit yt is not unknowne what ordres have bene of late prescribed unto you by our commandement for the diligint execucon of certayne specyall lawes most necessarie for this present tyme to be well observed wherin we trust ye will performe your duties and our expectacon ; yet hearyng by report that in sundrie contries certayne lewde sedycious persones partly remayne lurking in obscure places without proper habitacons, partly wander up and downe uncertainly frome place to place, and specyally to marketts and fayers, spreadyng abroad suche slanderouse tayles and newes invented and devised by subtyll persons to deprave and discredyte the godly ordres established in this our realme and to advance the contrarye ; we can not therefor but warne yowe herof, consideryng that emongs the lawes specially recomended unto you there is very good provision for punnyshement of suche persones and that without diligent harkenynge therunto the same is lyke to gronde emongs the symple common people ; wherefor we will and comande yowe that ye forthwith have speciall regarde herunto at this tyme inquiryng and harkenynge of suche persones as remayne obscurely without propre habitacon or otherwise wanderyng abroad ; appoyntyng in all markett townes and suche lyke certayne trustie persons to be watchers for this purpose or by some other good meanes herin as ye shall thynk best, soo as by that ordre either suche as doo offende may not escape severe punnyshement or suche as are disposed to offende in the same may be affrayed to put in force this their develyshe malyse tendyng onely to disquyet the state. And generally we woll and our pleasure is that yowe see the tenure of the statuts made to staye rebellyons and tumults to be put in execucon the same lawe beyng in dede so good and necessarie as beyng well regarded will gyve cause of quietnes and publyke rest to all our subjects ; and this we wolde yowe to thynk that if we shall fynde any notable dysorder in the premysses past over and not corrected or supressed by occacon of the negligens of any one of yowe the same must and shall (as reason ys) be brought to rendre

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an account herof as yowe tendre our pleasure and woll answer for the contrarie. Yeven under our signet at our Citie of York the xxvth day of July.

And by her Counsell.

Postscript—Our further pleasure is that ye shall forthwith assemble yourselves together and take ordre for the due execucon of the premisses and therof to advertyse your proceadyngs therein to our right trustie and right welbeloved cosyn therle of Rutland, etc., on tewsday beyng the fourth of August next ensuyng.

(fo. 62). 27 August 4 Elizabeth (1562).

The iiij serchars of every of the iiij wards were now eftsoones gyven in chardge not onely diligently to inquir and present thoffenses of great hosez, long swords, rapiers and buklers with sharp bosses but alsoo of rumors, newes and tales slandrously ymagyned and reported.

fo. 63. **Dilapidated Properties of the Corporation.**

11 September 4 Elizabeth (1562). *Present*—Thomas Lawson, Mayor, 10 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 8 of the xxiv.

Was moved emongs the said worshipful asemble the manyfest ruyne and decaye of the most part of all the tenements, cotages and howses belongyng to the Mayour and Comonaltie of this Citie to the great defacyng and slandre of the same, and howe apon examynacon had of yerely reparacons one yeare with an other doo clerely eate up and consume more than the full yerely rents of the same doo amounte unto and yet are therby litle or nothyng amended but rather growe still in utter ruyne and decaye; for reformacon of whiche foresaid decayes, amendment of this Citie, and yerely profyte to the Chambre, it is thought mete and very requysite that all the said tenements, cotages and howses belongyng to the said Corporacon be solde to the Citie most advantage and to suche persones as will be bonde with all convenient spede decently to buylde up, reparell and mayneteyne every suche of the said howses as they shall chause to buy; provided allwayes that the tenants of every the premysses shall have the preferrement of buying their owne tenantries, they gyvyng and doyng therefor as an other will, forseene alsoo that no maner the buyldyngs of the iiij barres nor apon Ouse or Fosse briggs, the Common Hall with the howses thereunto belongyng nor alsoo any maner of the comon moats, pastures, garths nor gronds that be specially rented and nede no reparacons be in no wise solde.

And it is further agreed that all this matter shalbe opened to the Comons of this Citie at their next assemble at the Comon Hall for their further advise and consent to be had to the same, and therapon further speady order to be taken for theeffectuall procedyng in the same.

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fo. 66.

Election of Sheriffs.

Monday 19 October 4 Elizabeth (1562). *Present*—Thomas Lawson, Mayor, 9 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 9 of the xxiv.

Assembled in the Common Hall with the most part of such of the Common Counsell as have voyces to the chosyng of the Shirefs did ordrely procede to the free election of a newe Shiref in rowme of William Henryson, decessed, and soo elects by the sayd Common Counsell was Edward Turnare gent, and Leonard Temple, merchant.

Whereof Maister Eyms, secretary to the Queenes majestie Consell in theis North parts, beyng immediatly advertised, in all hast came tofore the said worshipfull assemble in the Counsell Chambre of the said Common Hall and there in right sobre wise declared that the said Turnar was a clerke soo mete and necessary for dispatch of matters befor the sayd honorable Counsell that they in no wise could want his dayly attendans ; and therwith the sayd Maister Secretary in name of the right honorable Lord President and his Counsell did instantly requyre this said worshipful presens to take suche discrete ordre herin as the said Edward Turnar might be dischargd of the said office of Shiref. And the same Edward beyng here alsoo present did offere to gyve to the Chambre use suche reasonable fyne as my Lord Mayour and Aldermen wolde assesse apon hym to be quyet for ever hereafter of the sayd Shirefaltie.

fo. 67b.

Ordinances of innholders and victuallers.

3 November 4 Elizabeth (1562). *Present*—Thomas Lawson, Mayor, 9 Aldermen.

Apon request made by the Lord President it was considered howe the inholders and vitailers may ordre their gehests and sewtars within this Cite concernyng theymselves and their horsez soo that the same inholders and vitailers may have reasonable gaynes ; and the sayd sewtars and strangars to have no just cause to complayne. And tharopon was certen ordre agreed in forme as hereafter enseweth.

First that no maner of inholder or other vitailar to take for ordynarie dynar or supper havyng to the same potage, one boyled meat, one rost with sufficient bread and ale or beere above—iiij^d.

Item of gentlemen and other honest personags that will have better fare at their dynar or supper not above viij^d.

Item of such as will have their meat in their chambres or parlors by theym selfs to pay for suche thyngs as they call for soo as they and their hosts can agree.

Item to take for hay and littre day and night for a horse not above vj^d or ells to take by the bottells of haye, wherof every halfpeny bottill to weigh twoo ponds and half a pond ; and than the said inholdar alsoo to fynde hym therto competent littre.

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Item to have within their said innes or hosteries twoo horse loves.

Item a quart of ale or beer for a peny and after that rate.

Item suche gehests as be withowt their horses to pay reasonably for his bedd and that none of the said inholders, victailers or others take of any sewtar or gehest above the said rates or pricez upon peyne of xx^s.

(fo. 68). Item that no maner of the sayd inholders or vitailers to kepe any sett or open supper upon any fryday or other fastyng daye commanded on peyne of xx^s.

Item that every the sayd inholders and others to have special regard to every person tellyng or reportyng newes or rumours to be presented immediatly upon peynes in such case provyded.

And if any sutar or other stranger shall feele hymself greved in any the premisses to complayne hym to my said Lord Mayour and hee to have undelayed remedy.

God save the Queene.

All whiche devyses and articles were nowe openly redd to all suche the inholders and vitailars of this Citie as upon warnyng were here assembled in the Common Hall and were alsoo chardged of their behalf firmly to observe the same at their perills.

And it was further ordered that fyve or sex shedules conteyned in the sayd ordre and articles shold be fayre wrytten and sett up on postes where they might best be seen and redd of all men.

fo. 68b.

An Alderman slandered.

10 November 4 Elizabeth (1562). *Present*—Thomas Lawson, Mayor, 9 Aldermen, 3 of the xxiv.

On monday next assemble to be had at the Common Hall of my Lord Mayor, Aldermen and rest of all the honest Commons of this Cite for further ordre to be taken in the maner of sale of certayne tenements of the Mayor and Commonaltie of this Citie accordyng as was latly agreed.

And where nowe one John Laverok of Hexam, merchant, Hugh Greggs, laborer and Leonard Panely senior, deposed and declared certayne unsyttynge and opprobriouse words to have been spoken by Robert Chace, skynnar, ageynst Maister Robert Pacoke, Alderman, in companye of certayne other lyght persones lyke unto the sayd Chace, that is to say—that the same Chace called the sayd Maister Pacoke—Prowde Pacoke; and further saying what maner of man was Pacok whan he was fayne to take twoo kuffs at Malton and made no wordes at theym, etc. For which unsemely and lewde behaviour and words it was now agreed that the sayd Chace besyds his late imprisonment shalbe further bonde for his good abearyng ageynst the Mayour and Aldermen and Pryvey Consaillers of this Cite.

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fo. 69b. **Meeting for the Sale of Corporation property.**

16 November 4 Elizabeth (1562). *Present*—Thomas Lawson, Mayor, 8 Aldermen, 5 of the xxiv.

Assembled in the Common Hall of this Citie with other honest persons appoynted for viewyng and notyng of the stats of common rents to be sold with soo many the other, the tenaunts of the same, and honest commonars, as apon warnyng did appere in the said Common Hall, when the Lord Mayour did openly declare the cause of their assemble at that tyme for thordynarie procedyng to the sale of certayne the common rents, accordyng to their formar aggreement; whereunto all the sayd presens shewed theym selfs very confermable and constant; except onely Stephen Brampton and certayne others of his confederacons, occupiars of a part of the sayd common rents; whoo pretendyng as it were a zeal or care for the common weale of the wholle Citie, apon audiens gyven to their reason made it fondyd directly ageynst the full agreement hadde at severall tymes as heretofore may appere, compassing in dede nothyng lesse than they wolde have semed by word. And soo for avoydyng their confused and clamerouse noyse to the disquetyng of all the rest there assembled, they were commanded that soo many as were of their mynde shold stand togider apart by theymselves in the sayd Hall to thentent a good and discrete waye myght thereapon be further taken. And for the sayd Brampton and thothers of his opynyon even as they were of the meaner sort, soo were they not in nombre about by estymacon the viijth part of the resydew beyng both worshipfull and honest Commonars. Wherefor apon discrete and gentle admonycons and persuasons gyven theym as well by my Lord Mayour and his sayd brethern Aldermen they than immedyatly proceded to a quyet ordre of their sayd sale callyng first every the occupiars and tenaunts by name to thentent they might have preferrment of buyeng their owen tenauntries; and such as appered and offred to buy were soo noted and they that refused accordyngly.

(*fo.* 70) And for soo moche as many of the sayd tenaunts and occupiars were not nowe present whereby it might appere whether they wold buye their tenauntries or not, it was aggreed that not onely my Lord Mayour, Aldermen, Shireffs and xxiiij but alsoo the sayd discrete Commonars appoynted as is aforsayd, tenaunts and occupiars, and what soo ever other honest commonars of this Cite, shold appere ageyne here in the Common Hall on wednesday next for further procedyng in the sayd sale accordyngly. And in the meanetyme dewe warnyng to be gyven to every of theym by the common officers and constables of every paroche.

fo. 70. **The Sale of Corporation Property.**

Tuesday 17 November 5 Elizabeth (1562). *Present*—Thomas Lawson, Mayor, 9 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 3 of the xxiv.

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Assembled in the Common Hall with dyvers and many of the honest Comonars of this Citie of every ward and also the tenands of those howses and tenements of the Citie rents appoyntyd to be sold ; when my Lord Mayor by the advyce of his brethern Aldermen and Prevay Counsell dyd fyrst openly by his offycer call the tenands of the said rents, one after an other, and requyred of them yf they wold by there said tenements and what they woll geve for them ; and tuke there offer and then mayd an Oyes by the said offycer sayng yf any man will geve more for the said tenemente for the Citie advauntage it shall be taken and tuke there offer ; and there-apon dyd graunte the same tenements (*fo. 70b*) to the tenands thereof, that wold geve the mooste offer therefore as is abovesaid by the assent of all the hole assemblye, as it apperyth in one partycular booke of rentall thereof mayd ; and for so muche as all the tenements appoyntyd to be sold are not as yet fully gone thorro for lakk of tyme therefore an Oyes was openly mayde by the offycer in my Lord Mayours name to all the said assemblye to appere agayne at the said Hall appon monday next beyng the xxij day of Novembre at x of the clokk before none to go thorro with the reyst of the howses and tenements as yet not grauntyd nor sold in maner and forme as is above said.

(*fo. 71*). Monday 23 November 5 Elizabeth (1562). *Present*—Thomas Lawson, Mayor, 9 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 7 of the xxiv.

Assemblyd in the Common Hall with a good number of the honest comonars of this said Citie for the saile of the reyst of the Citie lands as yet not sold ; wherapon parte was grauntyd and sold and other parte respectyd¹ unto fryday next beyng the xxvij day of November at x of the klok before none, then the assemblye to be agayne concernyng the premysses in the Common Hall abovesaid.

fo. 73.

Nominations for Parliament.

5 December 5 Elizabeth (1562). *Present*—Thomas Lawson, Mayor, 9 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 4 of the xxiv.

Was redd the Quenes majestie writt for the Parlyment to be holden at Westminster the xj of January next to come ; and for the chosyng of two citizens of this Citie to be at the said Parlyament and for so moche as the countie day for this Citie will be of monday next beyng the vijth day of this instant Decembre.

It is thought good by the said presens that Sir Thomas Gargrave, knight, and Maister Ralf Hall, Alderman, to be Citizens for this Citie yf Maister Gargrave will be so good as to be one and yf that he shall be spoken with all for that purpose, and yf he cannot be one than it is thought mete to have Maister Raulf Hall and Maister Cryplyng to be Citizens for the said Parlyament.

¹ Respectyd; put off.

fo. 74. Repair of Tadcaster Bridge. Corpus Christi Day.
Civic servants' salary raised.

It is now thought expedient and fully agreed that my Lord Mayour, Maister Rauf Hall, Maister Beane, Maister Watson, Maister Pacoke, Maister Robert Hall, Maister Standeven with Sir Oswald Willestrop and Richard Vavasour, esquier, with other of the worshipful of the Aynsty shall mete togider on fryday in the mornyng next to consult howe to treate of theeffect of the late Commyssion and certificat made at Tadcastre by the late commissioners ther concernyng the sayd reparacons first to Maister Gargrave and than to my Lord President and Consell ; and in the meane tyme the said Sir Oswald, Maister Richard Vavasour and others to be sent for to be here on fryday in the mornyng next for the same purpose.

It is nowe further agreed to be dewly observed for ever that at the same tyme it shall happen the billettts to be gyven forth for playing of Corpus Christi play even than alsoo the Shirefs of this Citie for the tyme beyng to have warnyng gyven to provyde for rydyng with harnesssed men on Corpus Christi day and Mydsomer even accustomed.

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Item it is agreed that Maister Calome shall have payd hym by the Chambrelaynes vs for carieng up from York to the towre in London certayne stampyng yrons for base moneys latly sent downe thens to this Citie.

(fo. 75). Item where as Leonard Londesdale and otherz his felawes, late serchars of the bakers, have ageynst ther franchise oathe allowed and taken into ther fellowship of free bakers a forynor takyng of hym for suche admyttens xx^s to thuse of the sayd occupacon withowte lycens of my Lord Mayor, etc., it is nowe agreed that the sayd Londesdale and his felawes for their sayd offens be sett upon the pylorie or ells to paye without dylay xl^s.

Futhermore upon the humble supplicacon nowe exhibited by the sex officers, sergiants at mace to my Lord Mayour for some augmentyng of their yerely fees; where hitherto they have had but onely xxvj^s viij^d for their wages and xvj^s for their lyvaries whiche sommes will not at this present skarsely buye theym a baste gowne to goe in, it is nowe therfor considered and agreed that after this yere ended every the sex officers shall have their sayd fees of xxvj^s viij^d augmented and made xl^s apeece.

fo. 75b. **Matters for Parliament.** **Expenses of M.P.s.**

21 December 5 Elizabeth (1562). *Present*—Thomas Lawson, Mayor, 5 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 6 of the xxiv.

Assembled in the Common Hall of this Citie with a good part of the Common Counsell whan and where day was gyven to the sayd Common Counsell to consult and dyvise what they thynke mete for the weale of this Citie to be sewed forth this Parliament tyme by our Citizens of the same and to put in the same in articles by wryghtyng on tewisday in Chrystmas weeke next; and alsoo that the lettre of attourney to the sayd Citizens accustomed to be made for the Citie affayres shalbe alsoo made and sealed with the Common Seale.

Item it was here alsoo moved by the mowth of my Lord Mayour that he and his Bretherne thought it convenyent and reasonable (consideryng the present dearness of all thyngs necessary) that the Burgessez of this Citie for thys next Parliament have vj^s viij^d a peece the day for thaccustomed dietts of theym selfs, their men and horse forth of the Common Chambre, wherunto Miles Cooke, the first man of the Counsell for his felawes desyred respecte of their answer herunto till tewisday aforsayd.

fo. 76.

29 December 5 Elizabeth (1562). *Present*—Thomas Lawson, Mayor, 5 Aldermen, 3 of the xxiv.

Assembled in the Common Hall of this Citie with the Common Counsell and a good part of other of the honest commoners, when

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and where was here openly requested by the said Common Counsell that the articles hereafter mencioned might be sewed for by the Citizens of the Parliament for this Citie.

First that as towchyng the Acte of apprentices a lyke proviso mayde for Yorke as is for London and Norwiche.

Item that serche and sealyng of clothe may be granted to this Citie in lyke forme as is nowe in Halyfax, etc.

Item the great chartre of the liberties of this Citie to be goten confirmed by the said Burgesses of the Queenes majestie that nowe is.

Alsoo the sayd Common Consell for their answer towchyng the dietts of the Burgessez of this Citie sayen that for avoydyng of a president hereafter they cannot consent that the sayd Burgesses shall have any more ordynarie dyet, eyther of theym apeece, for the day than vs or vjs at the most ; and, if at their returne it shalbe thought reasonable, to have the rest payd in name of a reward. But my Lord Mayour, Aldermen and xxiiij wold in no wise otherwise ordre or aggree therin than they have done already, that is to say, that they shall have vjs viij^d apeece the day.

fo. 78.

Articles of remembraunces to the right worshipfull Maister William Watson and Maister Rauf Hall, Citizens of the Parlyament concernyng certayne sewts for this Citie of York.

- i First to sewe forth such lyke proviso concernyng thacte ageynst takyng of apprenticez for the Citie of Yorke as is for London and Norwiche.
- ij Item serche and sealyng of clothes of this Citie newly confirmed by the Queenes majestie.
- iiij Item to gett our chartre of the liberties of this Citie newly confirmed by the Queenes majestie.
- iiij Item it shall chause any tax to be granted, to sewe for abatement of this Citie tax like as was gyven by Kyng Henry, Kyng Edward, Quene Mary and the Queenes majestie that nowe is, the maner of whiche sewte doeth appere in a copie delyvered herwith.
- v Item to conferre with Maister Bowes concernyng his further pleasure of transposyng and stablshyng his godly devise towardes this Cite specially in poynts presently soundyng to superstition.
- vj Item with mediaton of my Lord President to gett a standyng post at York namely in tyme of warre and of other weighty affayres in the Northe parties.

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- vij Item (by Maister Gargrave bettar advise) the bounds of the Countyes of York and the Citie of York nowe in question to be lymytd for ageynst Tadcastre brig by Acte of Parliament, or ells that thenhabytants of the County of the said Citie to be quyet of reparacons of the said Tadcastre brig beyng wholly (as it semeth) in the County of York.
- viiij Item where there is paid yerely forth of the Chambre to the Queenes majestie ix^{li} vjs viij^d in name of salaries forth of certayne lands belongyng the Citie to see for what yeres purchase the said yerely rent may be bought to the Citie for evermore and to advertise my Lord Mayour therof.
- ix Item to advertise my Lord President or Lord Treasurer, etc., of the present decaye of the Queenes majesties late chantery tenements in York for lack of reparacons, to the great defacyng of the Citie and yerely losse to the Queene so that redresse may therin be provided.

fo. 79.

Millers' breach of regulations.

13 January 5 Elizabeth (1562-3). *Present*—Thomas Lawson, Mayor, 7 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 1 of the xxiv.

Apon examynacon of certayne the mylnars Robert Bowes and John Cartar were commytted to ward for that that of their own authorite they beyng serchars hath assembled the rest of the mylnars at Saynt Anthonyes abowte Saturday last and there ordeyned and aggreed emongs theym selfs, without any consent or knowleg of my Lord Mayour and his Bretherne, that from thensforth they shold take of citizens ageynst the auncient custome of this Citie for their gryndyng multure and no money; and than and there alsoo did agree that every of the sayd mylnars shold have a tolne disshe to be sealed by the searchors with a counterfiet seale remaynyng with the sayd searchors as they allege of auncient tyme and Robert Bowes did seale four or fyve disshes accordyngly.

fo. 81.

Relations of the Council with the Commons.

Feast of St. Maury (15 January) 5 Elizabeth. (1562-3). *Present*—Thomas Lawson, Mayor, 8 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 10 of the xxiv.

Assembled in the Common Hall was exhibited before the sayd worshipfull presens by the Common Counsell certayne articles whiche they desyred to be established and confirmed for the common profit of this Citie as foloweth, word by word.

The Common Consell of this Citie by the assent and consent of the rest of the Commons.

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We the said Common Consell and other commonars of our humble sewte desyre your Lordship and worshipful Bretherne with other your L. Consell for to have newe reformacon had for xlith that Girdlyngton did gyve to the Commons and Freemen of this Citie and for that cause that if any freeman will desyer to borowe of the same money apou theyer pledgs not to be denied, so that all the same money may be used allwayes accordyng to Girdlyngton will.

Alsoo we desyre that frome hensforth nothyng to be lett that belongith to the Commons, but that all the Commons before maye have knowledge of it, that it may be lett to the most vallew for the profet of the Citie of that thyng, that the Commons may forbear and nothyng to be allowed that belongith to the Commons but that that is sealed with the common seale and for this we desire of your goodnes nowe that this may be inacted.

Also we desire that our mylnars shall not take no mowter at all but one peny for a busshell hardcorne and for malt ij^d a quarter, and not above as was used when the corne was better cheape and for the same we desyre reformacon.

And also where the xiiij crafts and xv crafts, named in the chartre, hath voyces for the election of the Mayour and Sheryffs and certayne of the said occupacons be decayed so that there is none of theym to have voyces, our desyre ys that for suche occupacons as is decayed that so many other at the renewyng of the chartre may be put in the chartre to have voyces.

Whiche articles Miles Cooke in name of the rest of the Common Consell requyred to be forthwith enacted by my Lord Mayour Aldremen and Pryvay Consell; wherunto my said Lord Mayour answered that he and his Brether at tyme convenyent wold peruse the sayd articles and with better advysement wold stabliss the same articles soo moche as reason were; but the sayd Myles Cooke replyeng sayd—that they wold goe to noe election except the sayd articles were first exacted.

Wherfor avoydyng further clamour of the rest of the Commons they gave theym fair words, willyng the Common Clerke to make assemblant to entre theym as confirmed and stablissed; (*fo. 81b*) and that done proceded all in peacable maner to the election of the newe Mayour.

But the said Common Consell havyng afterward intelligens that their sayd Articules were not confirmed and stablissed in dede; therfor at there next assemble the xxijth of January for chosyng of a newe alderman in rowme of Maister Haryngton than decessed, John Myddleton, merchant, and Richard Aynley, vyntner, twoo of the said Common Consell, in name of all the rest did eftsoones requyre the said articles to be confirmed and enacted; to whome my said Lord Mayour answerd that he and his Brethren at their

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next assemble wold deliberately examyne the effecte of the sayd request and as they sawe cause wold agree to the stablissement of the same, and that they of the Common Consell shold not appoynt theym their tyme whan and in what wise they shold ordre suche matter. And soo the said Common Consell upon some further allegacons beyng putt in remembrans of their dewtie and obedyens towards their Mayour were steyed of their sayd inordynat demande ; and than in right humble wise besched my sayd L. Mayour at his pleasure to appoynt a day whan he wold have his assemble for that purpose, who at such their reasonable request prescribed them a day, wherwith they were well satisfied, and than my Lord Mayour and his bretherne Aldermen seeinge suche the conformitie and obedyens of the sayd Common Consell did forthwith entre the Consell Chambre of the sayd Common Hall; and there advysedly perusyng all their sayd requests did then and there ordeyne and stablisse and agree to the same.

fo. 85. **Insulting words against an Alderman.**

18 January 5 Elizabeth (1562-3). *Present*—Thomas Lawson, Mayor, 7 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 5 of the xxiv.

Was reperted certayne unsyttynge and opprobriouse wordes spoken by Myles Cooke ageynst Maister Pacoke, in presens of the L. Mayour and others, the tenour wherof hereafter enseweth—Maister Pacoke ye are not werthy to sytt on the bynche if ye be ageynst the comon wealth ; and after repetyng of the same wordes he sayd afterward—Ye are not worthy to sytt on the bynche if you speake ageynst the common profit, and for an other thyng that I can tell in your eare.

Wherapon it was agreed that the sayd Myles shold be called in and bounde to good abearynge ageynst the sayd Maister Pacok with suerties.

fo. 87. **The Lord Mayor insulted.**

26 January 5 Elizabeth (1562-3). *Present*—Thomas Lawson, Mayor, 7 Aldermen.

And nowe before this presens the Lord Mayour recyted certayne stubborne and unsyttynge wordes spoken to his owne self by William Gylmyn the younger, sewtyng to have John Stoke forth of the Kidcot as folowith ;—it wilbe requested to have the prisone doore open to all franchised men ; and if in case he had ben there in suche danger as he had ben he wold be one of theym that shold cutt in sunder the prison doore. Also Robert Gilmyng said—he heard dyverse speake of it that it wold be requested at the next meetynge—whiche inconvenyent words was spoken in presens of dyverse credible persones standynge by, wherin my sayd L. Mayour

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desyred advyse of his sayd worshipfull Bretherne what ordre they thought best to take herin; whoo, consideryng the sayd words were soundyng to some confederacie and that inconvenyens were lyke to ensewe if it were not forseen, did therfore aggree that the said William Gilmyne shold be forth with commytted to ward.

fo. 90. Base coin. The City walls. Beggars. Corn grinding.

12 February 5 Elizabeth (1562-3). *Present*—Thomas Appleyard, 7 Aldermen, 6 of the xxiv.

It was agreed that certen base conterfait coin in the Chambre shall by thadvyse of my Lord Mayour and Maister Craforth callyng to theym the most expert gold smythes in fynyng be sold to the Chambre most profit.

Item the Lxx^s remaynyng of the fynes of suche as made defalt of fyndyng horse at my Lord Mayour and his Brederne commandement to the right honorable Lord President towards his late repayre to Newcastell shall be converted to the Citie use.

Item it is nowe alsoo agreed that my Lord Mayour and Aldermen of every ward, one at the lest, shall assemble on monday next by seven of the klok in the mornyng and repayre to certayne decayed walles of this Citie nigh the Red Towar and upon their view therof to take ordre for good and spedy amendement and repayre of the same walles.

(*fo. 90b*). It is nowe agreed that collection shalbe made weekly in every parich for relefe of the poore, as hath ben, accordyng to the statute; and that on wedensday next the wardens of every ward shall call before theym by thofficers at their places accustomed every the poor beggars within their wardes and upon their view to admytte to lyve of releif whiche are to be admytted.

Item where by the usage and ordynances of this Cite freemen have not, ne ought to paye any multure nor more to the mylnars but a peny for a busshel of hardcorne gryndyng and ij^d a quarter of malt gryndyng, yet in consideracon all thyngs nedefull for man is nowe growne excedyng dere; and to thentent that the sayd mylnars may have honestly wherof to lyve without any further deceyt or bribyng of their neighbrughes corne brought to theym to be grounde,—it is nowe agreed that it shall be leefull to the sayd mylnars to take of the said Citizens for every busshel of hardcorne gryndyng three half penyes and for every quarter malt gryndyng three half penyes and for every quarter malt gryndyng iiij^d.

And that warnyng be gyven by proclamacon or otherwise at discrecon of the Lord Mayour that the sayd Citizens, ownars of the corne or malt, shall first weigh the same before it be brought to the mylne, and if any want, myxyng with sand, or other deceyt or falsehod be founde in their sayd corne or malt at or frome the

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sayd mylne then every suche ownar feelyng hymself in that behalfe greved shall complayne hym (*fo.* 91) to the Mayour and Chamberlaynes and there apon dewe prufe by wytnes or otherwise shall have full recompense of the Chamber chardges for soo moche in valewe as the sayd want, myxyng or deceyt shall amount unto.

And that every the mylnars beyng thoffendar to bee therapon called before the sayd Lord Mayour, etc., and by his discrete ordre to receyve suche condigne punnyshment and make suche fyne as shall apperteyn to the example of such lyke offenders.

fo. 91b. **Benches for the Council Chamber. Robbers of Dovecotes.**
Letter from M.P.s.

25 February 5 Elizabeth (1562-3). *Present*—Thomas Appleyard, Mayor, 9 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 6 of the xxiv.

Aggreed that greene bankers¹ with a dowzen semely quysshens shall be with convenyent spede be bought for the Lord Mayour for the tyme beyng and his Brederne to sytt apon in the Consell Chambre apon Ouse brige, and there to remayne ready from tyme to tyme.

Item it is nowe also thought expedient that Rauf Botheman, Hugh Stable and Robert Lynly, marynars servants, beyng yong spryngells shall for their late offenses of breakyng open certayne dove cots in the night and takyng away of some of the doves in the same and also for bribyng² of coales forth of ther maistersboat be therfor whipped naked about the Citie on some market day by discrecon of my Lord Mayour with further advyse of Maister Recorder.

Item that every the Constables within their rowmes shall have commandement diligently to serch all alehowsez for players at tables,³ cards and other unlawful games.

(*fo.* 92). To the right honorable the Lord Mayour and his Bretherne of the Citie of York. Right honorable and worshipfull; after our very hartie commendacons premised, this may signifie unto your worships that we have gone through with the confirmacon of our charters, whiche is very chardgeable for it will cost with the fyne payd unto the haniper and other ordynarie chardges xliiij^{li} at the least; this day we doo paye for it. And but for that we had in our custodie xxxij^{li} of Petre Newarks of Acome we had ben forced to have borrowed money or ells have taken a surety up at interest. Wherfor we shall most hartely requyre your lordship and all our Bretherne that the sayd xxxij^{li} may be payd unto thands of Rauf Hall wife that she may paye it unto Petre Newark, yf he hath not in the meane tyme wrytten hither to paye it other wise, than the said xxxij^{li} to be sent to London unto us.

¹ Bankers; coverings for seats.

² Bribing; stealing.

³ To play at tables was an early form of Backgammon.

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And for newes as yet we can wright you none but we thynk that nede shall requyre to grant a reliefe the prynce of one subsidie and twoo xvth wherin we shalbe forced to make a sewte [which] it will cost money as you doo knowe. We have putt in a bill or twoo; howe they will take effect or not we knowe not. And thus havynge no matter farther to trowble your L. we most hartely bidd you well to farre. From London the xiiijth of Febuarie 1562.

Your lovyng bretherne,

Wm. Watson. Rayff Hall.

fo. 92b. **Mill on Hob Moor.** **Corpus Christi Play.**

Presents from the City.

23 March 5 Elizabeth (1563). *Present*—Thomas Appleyard, Mayor, 5 Aldermen, 6 of the xxiv.

Aggreed that Robert Deighton, mylnar, shall have a lease for terme of xxj yeres of and in all that water mylne called Hobmylne and a closse, as they are ligheng and beyng on the south syde of Yorke moore; and boundyng apon the north west side of Bisshop feild and at the east end of the clay pytts and at the west end of Holgate feild conteynyng by estymacon twoo acres of land.

(fo. 93). And it is nowe further aggreed that billettts yerely accustomed shall be gyven forth for Corpus Christi play.

Item consideryng the speciall favour and benyfit shewed by the right honorable Lord President dyverse wayes to this poore Citie it is nowe aggreed that in some part of gratifieng his honour there shall be a tonne of gascoigne wyne provyded and brought to his place and his controolar to be made pryvey hereto.

And lyke an halfe tonne of gascoigne wyne to be provyded for Sir Thomas Gargrave beyng frendly in all the Cite causes.

fo. 96b. **M.P.s. fined for incivility.**

28 April 5 Elizabeth (1563). *Present*—Thomas Appleyard, Mayor, 8 Aldermen, 6 of the xxiv.

Aggreed that for soo moche as Maister Watson and Maister Rauf Hall, Citizens of this last Parliament did not immediatly come to my Lord Mayour accordyng to civilitie and auncient custome shall paye therfore in name of a fyne to the Chambre use v^{li} a pece.

And lyke ordre and penaltie to be had and observed apon every suche Citizens offendyng ageynst the sayd laudable usage at any [time] herafter.

And nowe the said Burgesses declaryng for theymselves certayne causez thought excusez reasonable in this behalf are therapon remytted the sayd fynes for this tyme.

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fo. 100. **Council in the North requests co-operation of the
Council in raising soldiers.**

22 June 5 Elizabeth (1563).

Trustie and wellbeloved we grete you welle. The just causes of our present chargeable affayres for the keepyng of oure possession of the towne of Newehaven and to prevent the Franchemens intentones whiche they have utterly and for ever to deteyne Calles and the terrytories frome the Crowne contrary to all right ar so notorious to all wyse and good subjects of this our realme as the same neyd not to be further declaryd; but for the surtie and honour of our hole realme it is seen verye necessarie and not to be delayd to put in a redynes some convenyent sorte and nombre of men of warre for a just army, and therefore havynge consydyrd of suche things as thereunto are requysyte we have presentlie thought mete to will and command you, our justices of peace and others of our Citie of Yorke and Aynstie of the same, furthwith to assemble your selfs togathers and to consyder your last books of generall musters and there uppon withoute any generall assemble of our people to devyse emongs yourselfs howe with mooste expedicon and least troble the nombre of fyfty soldyours might now be putt in aredynes and so they onely to be mustered and no more, whiche also we wold have the mooste hable men of servyce that may be chosen, and for that our meanyng is, to have the principall of the nobilitie of our realme to have the charge and offyce over this army as alreddy they are concordyd and resolutlie determyned. We therefore in lyke maner woll that men of the best worship and credyt under the degre of a barrone in those parties be appoynted shall have the leading and conduccon of there men, so to be preparyd for this our said servyce, and for the leadyng of the nombres of the said souldiers so appoyntyd now by yowe to be sett furth; Sir (*fo.* 100b) William Mallory, knight, to be there captan, to whome we wold ye shall delyver the nombres so to be preparyd accordyng to a billett hereinlosed and for the armyng of those men oure meanyng is that of every hundred to be mayd ready fourtie therof to be armyd with corseletts and pyks; thirtie with alman revetts, jakks or cotes of plates and blakk bylls; the reast to be archers and harquibuzes with there artylary, shott and murryons or skulls; and herin we requyre you, thoughe any of your company may be absent out of the said Citie and Aynstie, yet not to forbere to proceyd with all expedicon and as sone as ye can possible to certifie to oure right trustie and right wellebeloved cosyn therle of Rutland, Lorde President of our Counsell in the Northe parties, dystynctlie and partyculerly of your doyngs and to foresee that your men be kepte in suche aredynes as they may sett furth upon any sodayne towards the place of servyce. Faill ye not hereof as ye tendre our pleasour thaccomp-

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lisshement of your dewties and the truste we have reposed in you. Yeven at our Citie of York the xxij day of June the fyfte yere of oure reigne.

And by her Counsell.

fo. 101b.

Rules for Wages.

The lymytaccon, rait and appoyntment of the wags of artyficers, handicrafts men and husbandmen, laborers, servaunts, workmen and apprentics of husbandry within the Citie of Yorke and Countie of the same Citie mayd and agreyd by Thomas Appleyerd, Mayour of the said Citie and his brethren, Aldermen, Justics of peace, within the said Citie and Countie at there assemblie in the Common Hall of the said Citie the ixth day of June (5 Elizabeth) according to the tenour and forme of the acte of Parlyament in suche case laitly provyded.

as followeth

ARTIFICERS AND HANDICRAFTSMEN.

Fremason Maister Carpenter	Takyng the charge of the worke and havyng under hym thre of his servaunts at the least	{ By day without meate x ^d By day with meate v ^d
Rugh masons, Brekelayers, Carpenters, Joyners, Carvers, Playsterers Tyllers, Plomars, Glasyers	Frome the fyrst day of Marche to Mighelmesse	{ By day without meate viij ^d By day with meate iiij ^d
Maister Carpenters	Frome Mighelmes unto Eister	{ By day withoute meat vij ^d By day with meat iij ^d
Maister Carpenters	Takyng the charge frome Candylmes to Mighelmes	{ By day withoute meat x ^d By day with meat v ^d
An hewar		{ By day withoute meat viij ^d By day with meat iiij ^d
Hable clynkar		{ By day with meat iij ^d By day withoute meat vj ^d
(fo. 102) A master calkar		{ By day with meate iij ^d By day withoute meat v ^d
An holdar		{ By day with meate ij ^d By day withoute meat v ^d
A mean calkar		{ By day with meate ij ^d By day withoute meat v ^d

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SERVANTS AND ARTYFYCERS OF HUSBONDRY

Balyfs of husbondry	{	Waigs by yere	xxx ^s
	{	Clothyng by yere	vj ^s
Cheif hynd or cheif shipherd	}	{ Wags by yere	xxij ^s
	}	{ Clothyng by yere	v ^s
Comon servaunte of husbondry	}	{ Waigs by yere	xx ^s
	}	{ Clothyng by yere	iiij ^s
Women servaunts		{ Waigs by yere	x ^s
		{ Clothyng	v ^s
Chyldren within aige of xvj yerres	}	{ Waigs by yere x ^s	} or meat, drinke and clothing and xij ^d by yere.
	}	{ Clothyng iijs iiij ^d	

Apprentycs to be } Meat, drynke and cloths and waigs by yere vj^d
of husbondry }

Whelewright, Plewghwright, Cartwryght of husbondry	{	Frome Candylmes	{ By day with meate	iiij ^d
		to Mighelmes	{ By day withoute meat	vij ^d
	{	Frome Mighelmes	{ By day with meat	iiij ^d
		to Candylmes	{ By day woute meat	vij ^d
(fo. 102b) Laborers of husbondry laboryng by great ¹	{	Mowyng and reapyng of every acre of	{ Wheat	xij ^d
			{ Barley and otes	vj ^d
			{ pease and beans	vij ^d
	{	Thressyng every quarter	{ Wynter corne	vj ^d
			{ Ware corne	iiij ^d
	Dyking and hedging, for every vij yerds pallyng and railling, for every vij yerds rugh pale			iiij ^d xij ^d

HARVESTE FOLKS

Mowar in harvest		{ By day with meat	iiij ^d
		{ By day withoute meat	ix ^d
Reapar Shearar Cartar	{ in harvest	{ By day with meat	iiij ^d
		{ By day withoute meat	v ^d
Women laborer and other laborers	{ in harvest	{ By day with meat	j ^d
		{ By day withoute meat	iiij ^d

¹ By great; piece-work.

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ALL OTHER ARTYFYCERS AND LABORERS

Every other laborer and artyfycer not afore namyd	} Frome the firste of Marche to	{ By day withoute meat v ^d
		{ By day with meat ij ^d
	} Mighelmes except harvest	
	} Frome Mighelmes to Eister	{ By day withoute meat v ^d
		{ By day with meat j ^d ob

All whiche wags and clothyng by us dated in forme aforesaid we the said Maiour and Aldermen (having consyderacon of excessyve pryces of all maner of vyctuell and other necessities in these Northe parties) do thynke indyfferent and mete to contynewe within the said Citie of Yorke and Countie of the same for the yere now next to come.

fo. 103. **Preparation of fifty soldiers. Lists of names for poor relief.**

5 July 5 Elizabeth (1563). *Present*—Thomas Appleyard, Mayor, 10 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 6 of the xxiv.

Was redd the Queenes majesties Commisison concernyng makyng in a readynes of L soldiers with further declaration of the Queenes majesties pleasure concernyng ordre of furnytüre of theym.¹

(*fo.* 103b). After whiche Commission redd and considered it was now aggreed that accordyng to the former commission, certificat shalbe forthwith made to the Lord President of the fyfthe soldiars of this Citie and Aynsty all ready mustered and in a redynes for her Majesties service viz. xx of theym mete and hable for corseletts and pykes, xv for blak billes, allmayn ryvetts, cotes of plat or jakes; and the rest to be archers and harquybuzers with their artillery shott and murryons or skulles; and furnytüre of the sayd armour and weapons for theym alsoo ready (except onely of corseletts and pykes for suche lak is ready to be disboursed, that is to say, for fyve corsletts xxxs a pece, xx pykes ijs a pece in all ix^{li} xs) accordyngly as in the sayd Commission is commanded and declared.

And nowe alsoo for dew execucon to be had for releif of the poore and impotent of this Citie and Aynsty and punnishment of vacabunds; it is aggreed that commandement shalbe forthwith gyven by my Lord Mayour of the Queenes majesties behalfe to every constable of the Citie with all diligens to cause the names as well of every inhabitant and householder as of the impotent, aged and nedy persones wythin thar severall offices to be truely and fayre wrytten and the same to bryng in and present before the wardens of their wardes at the places for suche metyngs accustomed, on wednesday next at viij of the klok before none of the same day, to thentent that the sayd maister wardens may than by their good discrecons take further ordre for dewe execucon of the statuts; and that done to certifie my Lord Mayour of all their sayd proceedings.

¹ The Commission is given.

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fo. 104.

Parish collectors of poor relief.

9 July 5 Elizabeth (1563). *Present*—Thomas Appleyard, Mayor, 9 Aldermen.

Aggreed that there shall be billettis mayd furth to the curats and churchwardens of every parochie to call together there hole parochianours upon sonday next and then to chose two howse men to be collectourz for the powar of the releyf to be wekely geven to them for one hole yere accordyng to thacte; and the said collectorz furthwith to know what every man will geve of there devosion to the releyf of the powar wekely; and they to certify the same in wrytyng to maister wardens of the wards with all convenyent speyd.

fo. 104b.

Reward for the Recorder and Town Clerk.

16 July 5 Elizabeth (1563).

Aggreed that Maister Recorder for suche his peynes as he must take concernyng Tadcastre brig and the bunds of the Countie there, certayne of our liberties in the forest and other matters, shall have in reward therfor of the Chambre xx^s; and lykewise the Comon Clerke for his diligens and peynes as well in drawyng and engrossyng of books concernyng the sayd Tadcastre brig and forest as other evydencs made of the late purchased lands of Burton shall have for his labour therin of the Chamberlaynes xx^s.

fo. 106.

Precautions against the Plague.

21 July 5 Elizabeth (1563). *Present*—Thomas Appleyard, Mayor, 6 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 1 of the xxiv.

It was ordeyned for avoydyng danger of the plague, nowe beyng whett at London, as it is credably reported, that no maner of inholdar or other inhabitant in this Citie or suburbes of the same shall lodge or kepe in any their howsez in the same any Londonar or other persones fleeng or comyng thens for feare of the plague; and if any suche the said Londoners or other be all ready in any their sayd howsez that then they shall immediatly avoyd theym forth of the same apon payne of x^{li}.

And that thofficers shall commande in my Lord Mayor name every constable to gyve warnyng to every householder in their office accordyngly.

fo. 107.

Money for repair of Tadcaster Bridge.

23 August 5 Elizabeth (1563).

Thomas Appleyard, Mayour of the Citie of York and his bretherne Aldremen, Justics of peace of the County of the Citie of York, to Richard Swale of Bilburgh and William Hudson of Marston, yeomen, greetyng. Where apon the determynacon of

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thaccompt of all maner the receipts and payments for reparyng of that part of Tadcastre brig that is within the County of the City of York it doeth playnly appere that there is wantyng to the full fynnysshynge of the same the somme of foure skore and foure ponds to be equally borne by the Citie of York and Aynstie ; therfor by vertewe of the Acte of Parliament for reparacon of decayed briges we the said Justics with consent of the constables and two honest inhabitants of every towne and parishe of the said Aynstie have in dewe forme set thone half therof amounting to xliij^{li} to be gathered of thenhabitants of the Aynstie as well within the liberties as without, ratably as in this present extreat indented is expressed, and further to be rated by the said constables and honest persons indifferently upon every the inhabitants within their chardge according to their habilities by poll. And also we the said Justics by force of the acte aforesaid have named and assigned you two collectours of all and every the said sommes of money in theis present extreates, commandyng you and either of you in the Queenes majesties name with all possible diligens to levie and gather all and every the said sommes ; and so gathered undilayedly to bryng in and paye the same to thands of the Chambreleyns of this Citie, surveyors appoynted of the said reparacons, soo as the workmen now presently workyng upon the said brig may be justly satisfied and payed, their dewe hier beyng farre behynd. Faill ye not herof as ye will answere at your perill.

fo. 109b. Quarantine ordered for those who have been in London.

15 September 5 Elizabeth (1563).

To our trustie and welbeloved the Mayour and Aldermen of our Citie of York.

BY THE QUEENE.

Trustie and welbeloved we grete yow well ; and where as presently our Citie of London and other parties of this our realme is infected with the plague comonly called the pestylence and that many of our lovyng subjects for their affaires doeth repaire to our said Citie and home ageyne to their habitacons in severall contries to the perell of our lovyng subjects yf by that meanes the infeccon of the said plague sholde be spred abroad amongst them ; wherfore for the bettar ordre to be observed amongst our lovyng subjects and the bridlyng of suche as wilfully will attempte to bryng danger amongst his neybour or other our lovyng subjects, we have thought good to will, auctoris and commande you by theis presents to take suche ordre with suche as have traveyled lately to our Citie of London or shall travell thidder before the xxth day of October next, as they sever theymselves from the company of their neibours by the space of one moneth or xx dayes at the least after their returne frome our said Citie ; and if any refuse to abyde the ordre of yowe or any of yowe that then ye commytt theym to

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warde and certifie their obstynacie to our right trusty and right welbeloved cosyn and counselour therle of Rutland, Lord President of our Counsell in the North partie, or in his absence to his vice-president there; and for your bettar assistans our pleasour is ye shall take to yow the baliff, head offycer or constable and some other cheif persone or persones of every towneship where any suche person shall dwell with whome order shalbe taken as it is aforesaid; and we auctorise suche persones as any of yow shall so call unto yow to joyne with yowe in the ordre ye shall take for this purpose. Faile ye not herof as ye tender our pleasour and the good quyet and order of our country.

And by hir Counsell.

(fo. 110). After which commission soo redd and considered my Lord Mayour did open unto the sayd worshipfull presens that he accordyng to the tenour therof dyd yester night by his officers send commandement to Edmunde Grenebery, John Dynely Gregory Bargh, William Alan, Robert Askwyth, drapers, and, Thomas Symson, goldsmyth, newly come from Stirbrige fayr,¹ where as report is, the plage had ben, to shutt up their shopp wyndowes and to kepe theym from accompaynyng with neghbourghes unto further order were taken, whoo very stubbornely made answer unto the sayd officers that they neyther knew any cause why they sholde soo doe, nor that they wold not shutt up their shoppes, etc. Wherfor it was nowe aggreed that every the above named persons for such their disobedyens and stubbornesse shall be forthwith commytted to warde into Monkbarr there to remayne in pryson unto they be glad to sewe to my Lord Mayour to be bound to abyde suche further ordre as by his Lordship and his sayd worshipfull Bredren shalbe taken in this bisnesse.

And alsoo that their wyfs, servants and housholds to have streight commandement in the meane tyme to kepe theym quyetly in their howsez from accompaynyng with neighbourghes except onely for provydyng and byeng of their necessary meat and drynk to be mynystred to theym and their sayd husbands nowe in duresse.

Item that all suche persones of this Cite or others as have or shall buye or cause to be bought at London, Styrbrige fayr or other suspected place in the contry any maner of clothe or wares shalbe forthwyth chardged to steye the same in the waye and in no wise to receyve any of the same wares into this Cite or suburbs of the same unto suche tyme as my seyde Lord Mayour with advyse of his brether Aldermen shall thynk mete and convenyent.

Item that watch shalbe sett by dyscrecon of my seyde Lord Mayour at Myklyth Barr and ells where that noe maner of the sayd clothe or wares from nowe forth be broght into this Cite unto the sayd further order be therfor made.

¹ Stourbridge Fair.

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And lykewise that no maner of the caryers of this Cite shall venture to London or to any other suspected place southward for any maner of cariage duryng the sayd tyme.

And nowe alsoo in eschewyng inconvenyens and danger that may happen by assemble of all sorts of people togidre within this Cite it is aggreed that my Lord Robert players shall have gyven theym in reward of the Chambre a royall and soo quyetly depart without any further playinge here at this tyme.

fo. 110b. **Money collected for equipment of soldiers to be returned.**

To our trusty and welbeloved the Mayor and Aldermen of our Citie of York Francys Slyngesby and Henry Vavasour, Commissioners within our Citie of York.

BY THE QUEENE.

Trustie and welbeloved wee grete yow well ; and where there was by our appoyntment certayne soldyars by yow prepared for our servyce and certayne somes of money levied for their furnytur and nowe for so moche as presently we doo not sett forth the same soldyars; therfor we have thought good to will and commaunde you to see all the sayd money restored and repayd to the parties of whome the same was levied with alle convenyent spede. And our pleasure is ye shall (*fo.* 111) certifie to our right trustie and right welbeloved cosyn and consellor thearle of Rutland, Lord President of our Consell in the Northe parties the certayntie of every somme and sommes ye shall soo cause to be repayd. Under our signet at our Citie of York the sext of September the vth yere of our reign.

And by hir Counsell.

fo. 112. **Quarantine cases in The Merchant Taylors' Hall.**

20 September 5 Elizabeth (1563). *Present*—Thomas Appleyard, Mayor, 9 Aldermen, 2 of the xxiv.

Agreyd for that dyverse persons contrary the order of severans of certen Citizens laitly come frome Strybrige fayre have withoute lycence of my Lord Maiour resortyd unto them in St. John Hall¹ they shall therefore be commytted to warde ; some to the Kydcote and some other to Monkward there to remayn at dyscresyon of my Lorde Mayour.

Item for mysorder of Maister Grenebury, Thomas Symson and John Dynelay and other there fellos nowe in St. Johns Hall syns there beyng in ward shall therefore at there departure be bound in good aberyng agaynst all men.

fo. 113b.

6 October 5 Elizabeth (1563). *Present*—Thomas Appleyard, Mayor, 7 Aldermen.

¹ The Merchant Taylors' Hall in Aldwark.

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Maister Grenebury and others that was appoynted to be and remayn in St. Johns Hall was sent for and came personally and for there mysorder agaynst there bonds of recognysance. It is agreyd that every of them shall be bound in xx^{li} for good behaviour in worde and deyd agaynst my Lord Mayour, Aldermen and the Counsell of this howse; and there former bonds of recognysances to be cansellyd and dyschargyd.

fo. 114. **Order for execution of laws against various disorders.**

15 October 5 Elizabeth (1563). *Present*—Thomas Appleyard, Mayor, 9 Aldermen, 2 of the xxiv.

To our trusty and welbeloved the Mayour and Aldermen of our Citie of Yorke and to every of theym.

BY THE QUEENE.

Trusty and welbeloved we grete you well; and where there be sundry good lawes and statuts ordeyned for good ordre and quyete of our lovyng subjects whiche be not so well executed and looked unto as apperteyneth; by reason wherof moche disordre aryseth to the great disquiet and losse of our good and lovyng subjects; we therfor for the speciall trust and confidence we have in your dexterities, wisdomes and cares for the common well and good quyete of that our Citie of York and the Countie of the same have thought good to wolle and requyre yowe and every of yowe and by theis presents to authoryse you and every of yowe to have good respect to the dewe execucon of the lawes and statuts made for the good ordre and quyete of our lovyng subjects and for the correction and reformacon of offenders and for this tyme specially of the statuts and lawes ageinst inventors and spreaders of newes and rumors, ageinst phantasticall prophecies, ageinst unlawfull games, ageinst vacabonds, and for relief of the poore, for the kepyng and good ordre of ale howses, ageinst the goyng abowte of tynkerds and pedlars, and the statute for servants and laborers. And further our pleasure is that yow and every of yow shall as yow shall see cause or occasion make privay serches in suche places and so often as ye shall thynk mete by your discrecons as well for the apprehension of offenders as alsoo for the avoidyng of evill and unthrifty rule. Faile ye not herof as we specially trust yowe. Yeven under our signet at Kynesley the xijth day of Octobre the fyft yere of our reigne.

And by hir Counsell.

After whiche soo redd and considered, for the bettar executon of the said statuts and good ordre to be contynewed within this Citie hereafter, it is therfor now agreed that the Wardmot courts accustomed shall from henseforth be kept twice in the yere, that is to say, ones sone after Myghelmas and ageyne after Easter yerely.

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fo. 114b.

York granted Tax reduction.

For dewe distribution of the hundred pounds freely gyven by the Queenes majestie towards the relief of this her Highnes poore Citye forth of the tax gyven to her Grace by Acte of Parliament dewe by the same Citie ; it is nowe fully condescended and agreed that at eyther payment of the sayd tax one equall thrid part of the sayd tax of every parochie within this Citie and suburbes shall be reteyned in the hands of the parochians and not payd. And the resydewe dewe to the Queenes majestie to be forthwith gathered by the collectors appoynted and they to accompt to the Lord Mayour and Chamberlaynes of overplus of the sayd money gyven than remaynyng in their hands to be payd to the Chambre use towards the chardgs of sewts abowte the same. And therapon the Queenes majesties privay seal for allowans of the sayd c^{li} gyft in the exchequer to be delivered unto theym.

Wheras Sir William Vavasour, Knyght, by his lettar with articles have offered to this Citie the preference of the purchase of his manere of Estburne, it is nowe thought requysite and aggred that the same shalbe fyrst viewed by certayne expert persons of this Citie and ther to make report of the goodnes of the sayd manere in every poynt soo that therupon further consultacon may be had to the procedyng therin, as occasion shall serve.

(fo. 115). Elizabeth by the grace of God Quene of England, France and Ireland, defender of the faith etc. to the Tresurer and Chamberelayns of our Exchequer greting. Wheras in our Parliament holden at Westminster the xth day of January last past there was given and graunted amonges other things unto us two whole fiftenes and tenthes to be had, payed and levied of the moveable goods, cattalls and other things usually contributory unto the same at two severall payments, that is to witt, the first payment before the tenth day of Novembre, whiche shalbe in the yere of our Lord God 1564 as in the said Acte more at large dothe appere, by force of whiche graunt the Maiour, Citezens and inhabytants of our Citie of Yorke are charged with the severall sommes of one hundred thirtie sixe pounds tenne shillings sixe pence and one half penny for either of the said payments, amountinge togethers to the somme of ij^c lxxiiij^{li} xiiij^d for the said two whole fiftenes and tenthes geven and graunted unto us in forme afforesaid, as in our said Exchequer more playnly dothe appere of record ; knowe ye that we consideringe thextreme povertie of the Citezens and inhabitants of the said Citie and that there are a greate number of houses utterly ruyned and decayed and not inhabytd by reason of the greate pestilence that laytlie was in the said Citie, and the good and faithfull service that the said Maiour, Sheryf and Citizens and inhabitants of the said Citie haith done to our moste dearest faither of worthy memory Kinge Henry theight and to our laite dearest brother King Edward the sixthe and also to oure laite

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dearest suster Quene Mary in furnishing and setting furthe of greate nombre of soldiours at sundrye tymes againste Scotland, and the greate charge that they be at contynally in the good educacion of a grete nombre of poor fatherles childrenne and for dyvers other causes and consideracons us specially moving, of our grace especiall and mere mocion have geven and graunted and by theis presents do geve and graunt to the said Maiour, Sheriefs, Citizens and inhabitants of oure said Citie of Yorke the somme of one hundreth pounds, parcell of the said somme of cclxxiiij^{li} xiiij^d due unto us for the fiftenes and tenthes aforesaid and every parte and parcell thereof, that is to saye, fiftie pounds for either of the said payments as heretofore sythens the ruyne and decay of the said Citie by occasion afforesaid haith bene geven and graunted. Wherefore we will and commaund yowe our said Treasurer and Chamberlayns that ye furthwith by force of this our warrant at the receipte of our said Exchequier in due and sufficyent forme ye levy and strick or cause to be levied and stryken upon the collector or collectors of the said fiftenes and tenthes within the said Citie of Yorke one taile or severall tailes conteynyng the somme of one hundreth pounds, parcell of the said somme of cclxxiiij^{li} xiiij^d due unto us for the causes afforsaid, and the same taile or tailes so levied and stryken ye delyver or cause to be delyveryd unto the said Maiour, Sheryfs, Citezens and inhabitants of the said Citie of York or to any of theme or there attorney or attorneys to be taken unto theme of our gifte and reward without charge to be sett upon theme or any of theme for the same, any lawe, usage, custome or cause of our said Exchequer or any other cause, matter or thing whatsoever to the contraye moving in any wise notwithstanding. And theis our lettres shalbe your sufficient warrant and discharge in that behalf. Yeven under our Privie Seale at our pallace of Westminster the xvjth of Aprill in the fyvethe yere of our reigne.

fo. 117.

The City purchases Land.

2 November 5 Elizabeth (1563). *Present*—Thomas Appleyard, Mayor, William Tancred, Recorder, 6 Aldermen, 5 of the xxiv.

Was redd a draught not onely of the bargayne and sale of Estburn and Skern manere or lordship with other lands in the same to be made by Sir William Vavasour to this Citie but alsoo the draught of a defesans indented for a statute merchant of m^{li} and Maister Vavasour broder to the sayd Sir William in name of his brederne did peruse the same and duly agree to the same.

And nowe alsoo it was agreed that Maister Recorder for his peynes and consell gyven and taken about the communicacon and assurance makyng concernyng the sayd pourchace shall have in reward of the Chambre cost xls.

And alsoo that my Lord Mayour and clerk of the staple considering ther chardgs and peynes shall have payd of the Chambre

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ther due fees of the bonde of statute merchant in m^{li} wherin the sayd Sir William and others stand bound to thuse of this Cite.

fo. 118.

A stern letter from the Privy Council.

23 November 6 Elizabeth (1563).

To our lovyng frends the Mayour and Shirefs of the Citie of Ebor (sic) ; We commend us unto you, and fyndyng that yow have not accordyng to our lat lettres sent unto you satisfied the Quenes majestie with receipt of the Exchequer of suche sommes of money as we signified was dewe by you to hir highnes neyther yet mayd any declaration what good cause yow had to allege for the contrary, like as we cannot but accompt your doyns herin very strange and suche as are not to be borne withall ; soo have we thought good eftsoones to requyre and command you in hir majesties name (all excusez and dylays sett apart) to make payment forthwith to hir highnes sayd receipt of all suche sommes of money as yow owe unto her majesty at the fest of Saynt Myghel tharchangel last past ; and immediatly therapon to appere personally before us bryngyng with you a sufficient testymonie that you have satisfied the same, and than to showe unto us what good matter you have to excuse your former contempt whiche if you shall not without dylay or protract of tyme accomplishe be ye well assured that you shall fele the smarte of your contempt to thuttermost with thextremytie; and therfor we requyre you to have suche regard hereof as becometh yow. Soo fare ye well.

From Wyndesore the xth of Novembre 1563.

Bacon

Pembroke

Ric. Sacvile.

N. Curle

Your debt is xvij^{li} xv^s v^d.

(fo. 118b). Wherapon the sayd lat Sherefs beyng nowe present were streightly commaunded by the L. Mayour with all possible diligens to prepare theymselves up with the sayd debt accordyngly, and agreed alsoo that a letter shold be devysed and sent up with theym in their favour to the right honorable the Lord Treasurer from my Lord Mayour and his breder thaldermen, the tenour of whiche lettre hereafter enseweth.

Right honorable after our humble dewtie with most hartie thanks for your Lordships goodnes unto the poore Citie of York at all tymes showed, may it please your honor to be advertised that accordyng to a special letter from the Queenes most honorable Privay Consell dated at Wyndesor the xth of Novembre instant and here delyvered the xxij of the same our lovyng Citizens Leonard Temple and Thomas Henryson, late Shirefs of the said Cite, have therapon with all spedy diligens prepared to make payment to the Quenes majestie in the receipt of his Eschequer of that somme of xvij^{li} xv^s v^d whiche is by theym the same late Shirefs owyng to hir

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Majestie at Michelmas last ; and for soo moche, very good Lord, as we are pryvay that at receipt of your honors former lettre the said Shirefs had not onely the said debt in a readynes, but alsoo had geven promise of there attorney to have caried up and payd the same at the sayd Mychelmas terme accordingly ; and yet right Honorable after that that it was here certaynly knowne the sayd terme to be adjorned and therwith the Cite of London with sundry placs thereabouts to be sore visited with the plague, neyther durst the sayd Shirefs come up theirselves with the sayd money ne yet could gett any trusty person to cary up the same as they most gladly wold have done ; and for that, very good L., that the sayd Shirefs are feythfull, symple men intendyng nothyng lesse than any contempt we therfor most hartely beseche your honour favorably to allowe this their unfeyned excuse ; and that apon payment of the sayd debt they may have lycens immediatly to depart homward ; and this at the reverence of God, whoo preserve your honor in good life and health long to prosper. Frome Yorke the xxvth of Novembre 1563.

Your lordships humble at commaundement T.A.
Mayor of York and his breder Aldermen of York.

To the right honorable and their syngular good lord the Lord Treasurer of England.

fo. 119b.

Insulting words.

6 December 6 Elizabeth (1563). *Present*—Thomas Appleyard, Mayor, 6 Aldermen.

Francys Newby, William Pyndar, Mathew Nycolson, Peter Webster, William Bukbarowe, Peter Wilson, with the most part of all the jurye chardged within Monkward for inquyre for the Queene at the lat Wardmot court have credably and honourably compleyned and enformed this present that Christopher Sugden of the Citie of York, skynnar, the thrid day of December in the Comon Hall of the sayd Citie openly, slandrously and malyciously did revile and say unto certayne of the sayd jurrors theis false and opprobriouse wordes folowyng:—Ye are all false mannsworne harlots, and I shalbe even with the best knave of you all, ylke one after other etc.—. Wherfor the sayd Christofo here presently appearyng and the sayd presentment layd to his chardgs etc. was by the aggreement of all the sayd worshipfull presens comytted imediatly to ward, ther to remayne at discrecon of Mayour, that further ordre be taken for his condigne punishment for his sayd offenses.

fo. 120.

Reliefs and Gifts.

14 December 6 Elizabeth (1563). *Present*—Thomas Appleyard, Mayor, 7 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 4 of the xxiv.

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Robert Maskew and John Weddell, Sherifs of this Cite did take thaccustomed oathe of the pryvay Consell of this Citie; and therapon gave the wyne.

Item that Henry Smyth, esquire at mace, in consideracon of his diligence, peynes and that his wife hath lighen longe syke of his great chardgs and he hymself nowe in age, shalbe therfor released of the half yere rent of his mansion hows dewe at Martynmas last and the brig masters to be allowed the same in their accompts, and lykewise from hensforth soo long as his sayd wife soo con-tyneweth diseasd.

Item that the Lady Hogeson and Lady Dogeson in consideracon of their impotent age and that their lat husbands have borne the chardgs of the worshipfull offices of this Cite shall have therfore in reward ageynst this Christmas eyther of theym x^s.

fo. 120b.

Danger of the Plague.

16 December 6 Elizabeth (1563). *Present*—Thomas Appleyard, Mayor, 6 Aldermen, 7 of the xxiv.

Aggreed that for soo moche as the plague at London and other certen places in the south is not as yet clere, it is nowe therfor ordred that no maner of carier of this Cite shall venture to London or to any other suspected place southward for any wares to be brought to this said Cite apou payne of imprisonment.

Item that watche shalbe sett by discrecon of my L. Mayour at Myklith Barre and Walmgat Barr that no maner of cariar shall bryng in any clothe or wares into this Cite from London or other places visited unto suche tyme further ordre be taken herin apou lyke peyne.

fo. 121.

Dispute about a gutter.

Wytnesses sworne and examynyed before Maister Thomas Appleyard, Maiour, Robert Paycoke and William Bekwith, Aldermen, appon the partie of John Eshe against Lancelot Copland as concernynge a watter sewar betwixt there grounds into the whiche the said John Eshe haith a synke.

Henry Wright of thaige of xxxij yeres sworne and examyned in the premysses saith that abowte xvij yeres by past he was prentis with one William Clerke, potter, that dwelt in a howse in Walmegait where Lancelot Copland nowe dwelleth and at that tyme thaire was a dike goyng betwixt that howse and the end of the howse that John Eshe nowe dwellith in, whiche was then called the Kyngs dyke, and that the watter whiche fell of bothe there howses did void thorro that dyke into Fosse. He beyng demaundid whether any synke went forthe of Maister Eshe grownd into the said dike or no, to that he saythe he cannot depose he is not serten therof.

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John Stytnam of thaige of xxxviij yeres sworne and examyned in the premysses saithe uppon his othe that abowte xxij yeres by paste he was servaunt to Peter Eshe at Fossebrige end and at that tyme there was a watter sewar betwixt his Maister ground and the ground of one Christopher Ledaill, baker, and that there was a synke forthe of Maister Eshe ground into the said dike as it is at this day.

Isabell Straker, wyfe of Maister Martyn Straker, tanner, of thaige of l. yeres and about, sworne and examyned in the premysses saith uppon her othe that abowte xxxv yeres past she dwelt with one William Thruslo, where Lancelot Copland nowe dwelleth, and that there was a dyke betwixt her Maister ground and the ground where one Grethede dwelt, where as nowe John Eshe dwellith and no other sence, and that the watter whiche fell of bothe there howses and passe thorro the said dyke into the watter of Fosse and that there was no synke nor other condith into the said dike forthe of the said Grethedes ground to her knowledge.

(fo. 121b). Jayne Pott, wyfe of Hugh Potte, of thaige of xl yeres sworne, saith that above xx yeres be past Leonard Princelay then her Maister hadd that howse in forme where nowe John Eshe dwelleth and that she and other her Maister servaunts cast all ther watter and other wesshing thorro there entre into the castyn dyke that went into Fosse whiche was callyd the Kyngs dyke.

Margaret Jakson of xl yeres or there abowts saith that abowte xxj yeres by past she dwelt with Peter Eshe and that there was a dyke or watter shewar betwixt her maister ground and the ground where one William Clerk, potter, dwelt and no other sence betwixte theme, and whether there was any gutter into the said dike or not she is not remembryd.

(fo. 122). Witnesses sworne and examyned upon the partie of Lancelot Copland against John Eshe concernyng a dyke or watter sewar betwixt there grounds and a synke into the same.

Jane Grethede of thaige of xl yeres saith that abowte xxx yere or more her faither callid John Grethede dwelt in a howse at Fossebrige end where Maister Eshe dwelt syns that tyme and that there was a dyke betwixt the ground where her faither then dwelte and the ground where as one William Thruslay dwelte where nowe dwellith Launcelot Copland, and no other sence betwixt there ground and that the watter and other thyngs that came furthe of her faithers kytchyng went dyrectly thorro his owen ground into Fosse and not into the said dyke.

Margaret Wright wyddo of thaige of xl yeres saith that abowte xxiiij yeres by past she dwelt with one William Clerke, potter, and at that tyme there was a casten dyke or watter sewer betwixte her maister ground and the ground where Maister Eshe dwelte that

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went to Fosse and that Maister Eshe hadd no synke into the said dyke whan she dwelt there.¹

fo. 123. **Members of the Council and others still going to London.**

18 December 6 Elizabeth (1563). *Present*—Thomas Appleyard, Mayor, 8 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 7 of the xxiv.

Where as contrary the former ordre of my Lord Mayour and Aldermen certayne inhabitants of this Citie as well of this hows as others have part ventured up theymselves and other of theym receyved and brought wares from thens ; it is now judged and aggreed that suche of theym as shalbe suffyciently proved to be offendars in any poynte of the premysses and be willyng to submytte theym selfs to ordre of my Lord Mayour shalbe admytted to their fynes as his Lordship and his Bretherne shall thynk good accordyng to the quantitie of their faulte ; and suche of thyem as shall refuse to be commytted to ward or as the case shall requyre to be certified unto the Counsell according to the Queenes majestie commandement.

Item that frome nowe forth noo maner of persone of this Citie be so hardie to adventure up, carye, conveye or receyve from London or other infected place any suche wares or merchandise into this Citie apon payne of fyne and of xx dayes ymprisonment by discrecon.

And all suche persones as can be proved to have latly offended and yet unpunnyshed shalbe called in before my Lord Mayour to be used accordyng to his good discrecon accordyngly.²

fo. 123b. **Tiles taken.**

31 December 6 Elizabeth (1563). *Present*—Thomas Appleyard, Mayor, 7 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 6 of the xxiv.

For soo moche as Leonard Temple took of the Chambre staure mcc thak tyle by his own confession, he shall eyther restore the sayd thak tyle to the Cyte use or ells pay therfor xl^s before St. Maury day next ; the sayd tyle to be delivered at the Store hous.

fo. 125. **Lease of City Moats.**

17 January 6 Elizabeth (1563-4). *Present*—Thomas Appleyard, Mayor, 10 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs.

Aggreed that Maister Thomas Standeven, Alderman, shall have a leasse to hym made under the Common Seale of the moates with houses on eyther side Botham Barr without and within for xxxi yeres . . . and doo nothing of hurt to the Cite walles ; this

¹ Judgment was given that John Eshe before the coming Michaelmas "shall retourne his said gutter or synke that goeth into the said dyke to "Fosse thorro his owen ground in to the said watter of Fosse if the parties "cannot other wise agre betwixt themeselfs in the mean tyme."

² Four members of the City Council confess to having been in London.

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to be moved to the Commons for their consent to the same, the Mayor and Citizens to have free entre and egresse for view of the walles.

Item that Maister Copland, Alderman, shall have in pourchase one Kirkgarth in Fysshergat.

fo. 126. **Stones for the repair of Ousebridge.**

Undated. *Present*—Thomas Appleyard, Mayor, 9 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 8 of the xxiv.

Aggreed that the reparation of Ousebrige¹ in masonrie shall with all convenient spede be sett apon; and the stones of the ruynouse part of Fossebrig chapell, such as will serve to be mete to the sayd reparacons and alsoo suche stones at Trynities as be mete to the sayd reparations to be alsoo taken by thadvyse of the mason and aggreement to be made therfor with the parochians.

The sayd masons to have wages by day taill forth of the Chambre at suche reasonable composicon as shall be taken by discrecon of my L. Mayour etc. with other provision and workmen for the best husbandry to the comon profit.

fo. 128. **Election of new Mayor.**

St. Blaise day 3 February 6 Elizabeth (1563-4). *Present*—Thomas Appleyard, Mayor, William Tancred, Recorder, 10 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 10 of the xxiv.

Assembled in the Common Hall with the Common Consell and otherz the honest Citizens for the accustomed swearyng of the new Mayour.

First was the Consell and Serchors rolle redd openly in the sayd Hall and that done Maister Appleyard then L. Mayour with humayne thanks to all the Commonors resigned up his office of Mayoraltye. And for that that at the same instant the worshipfull Maister James Symson, Mayour electe, was unfeynadly syke of a fever soo that without great danger he was not hable to come forth of the doores; therefor by the wholle advyse and consent of all the sayd presens there was assigned and named certayne of the worshipfull, honest and discret Citizens to resort immediatly unto the mansion place of the sayd Mayour electe than and there to receyve and wytnesse thaccustomed oath befor theym to be made by the same Mayour electe, that is to say, (*fo.* 128b) Maister William Tankard, Recorder, etc.² whoo in all spedy and quyet wise went streight togidre unto the sayd newe Mayour place and there Maister Recorder declaryng unto hym the cause of ther commying the said Mayour electe shewed hymself very conformable. And soo in very discrete

¹ This entry is significant in view of the disaster to Ousebridge a year later.

² They consisted of 4 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 3 of the xxiv, the Town Clerk, 6 of the Common Council.

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and reverent maner toke his sayd oathe of Mayour accustomed in presens of all the above named. And than and there alsoo befor all the sayd presens (*fo.* 129) immediatly apou the sayd oath taken was delyvered unto the sayd Lord Mayour from the right worshipfull Maister Tho. Appleyard the sword and great mace, the basyn and ewar of sylver gilt gyven by Maister Bowes, and xli^{ti} in ready money called Girdlyngton sylver to be used and ordred accordyng to the godly entent of the gyvars. And than undilayedly all the sayd worshipfull and discrete Citizens takyng their leve of the sayd Lord Mayour in ther goodly and peacable wise returned unto the sayd Comon Hall. And there openly by the mowth of the sayd Maister Recorder was declared and certified by affirmacon of all the resedew assigned that the sayd Lord Mayour had in discrete and solempne maner taken his oath of Mayor accustomed. And therapon without any further dylay the aforesayd Aldremen, Shereffs, xxiiij, officers and wholl Commonaltie there assembled did all ordrely take every of theym their oathes accustomed to the sayd Lord Mayour. And all theis thyngs thus fynissished in soo moche the Lord Mayour was at the tyme absent therfor the sayd worshipfull Aldermen and Commonaltie withowte their head could not nowe any other thyng ordeyne or aggree as ells peradventure they wold have done. And therefore every of theym in God and the Queenes peace departed home to ther dwellyng howsez, except onely Maister Recordar, the Chambrelayns and others the officers of the sayd Cite whoo went to the sayd L. Mayor and ther dyned that day.

fo. 129b. **A French scare. Defence measures to be taken.**

15 February 6 Elizabeth (1563-4). *Present*—Thomas Appleyard, *locum tenens*, 10 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 8 of the xxiv.

To our trusty and welbeloved the Lord Mayour and Bredren of our Citie of York and to every of theym.

In hast. Post hast. Hast for thy life.

Trustie and welbeloved we grete yow well. And for as moche as we have understanding that sundrie frenchemen of warre are of late repared to Callis and other places herabouts, as well by sea and land, and that also ther be certeyne of their shippes allredy come into our narrowe seas and others comyng with some apparence to doe some offense to our sea costs and ports, if they shold not be impeded ; we have therfor for the defense therof thought good to will and requyre yow, and by theis presents auctorise yowe, to muster and put in a redynes within that our Citie and liberties therof fyfty able men well furnyshed with armour and weapon to be ready to serve under the conduccon of Sir William Babthorpe, Knight, for the defense of suche places of our sea costs or port townes as occasion shall requyre ; and that alsoo ye repaire and put in a readynes all the residew of hable men within our said Citie to be ready as they shalbe appoynted to repaire under the conduccon

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of suche one of yow, our Justics of peace, or others as shalbe mete, to lede theym to suche place of our costs ther as thenymis (*fo. 130*) shall purpose to anoye. And further our pleasure is that ye immediatly take ordre for to make and repaire all beacons within the said Citie and liberties in the places heretofore accustomed and that they be dewly watched to gyve warnyng for resorte of our subjects to placs where nede shalbe, accordyng to the former ordres taken and ageyne partlye declared in a billet herin closed. And we woll ye shall of all the certeyntie of your doyns and of your numbres and furnytures of soldiers make certificat with all convenient spede to our trustie and welbeloved Sir Thomas Gargrave, Knight, Vice-President of our Counsell in the North parties and the rest of our Counsell. Fayle ye not herof as we specially trust yowe and wooll answeere to the contrary at your perills. Yeven under our signet at Kynsley the xiiijth day of February the vjth yere of our reigne.

And by hir Counsell.

Warnyng to be gyven to every constable within this Citie to gyve special chardg in the Queenes name that all maner of hable persons of the said Cite betweene thage of xv and lx yeres doo mustre and personally appere with their best furnytur of armour and wepons tomorowe by viij of the cloke in the forenone before Maister Lieutenant and Aldremen in the olde Baill, and that the Maisters their servaunts with theym.

And lyke commandement to be gyven to the bailifs of the Aynsty in wryghtyng to chardge in the Queenes majesties name every the constablez present, and otherz whatsoever betwene thage of xvj and lx mete to serve the Queenes majestie, to mustre with their best furnytur of armour and weapons before the sayd worshipfulls on Pageant Grene¹ on Thursday next by viij of the cloke in the mornyng and specially suche as were latly put in a readynes by vertue of a former comission.

(*fo. 130b*). Item the Maister Shireffs shall with all goodly hast resort unto Bilbrugh beacon and takyng with hym some expert carpenter to repayre and put the same in a readynes undilayedly with terr barells etc.; and that watch by theym to be maid in the Queenes name to be kept there by course accordyng to the former ordres.

Item it is nowe alsoo thought expedient and aggreed that watch shalbe nightly from after tomorrow kept at the iiij barrs with iiij men a pece.

fo. 131. **Selection of soldiers.** **Bilborough Beacon.**

19 February 6 Elizabeth (1563-4). *Present*—Thomas Appleyard, *locum tenens maioris*, 9 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 1 of the xxiv.

¹ Pageant Grene is Toft Green near Micklegate Bar.

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Was prikked or noted certayne mete and hable men of the Cite and Aynstie wherof l soldiers to serve the Quenes majestie under Sir William Babthorp are to be chosen, that is to say, xxx of the Cite and xx of the Aynstie ; but for soo moche as it is not presently knowne as yet with what kyndes of armour and weapons they are to be furnisshed it is nowe respected any further doying herin unto Maister Lieutenant to the L. Mayour may knowe Maister Vice presidentz pleasure herin.

And as towchyng thordre for dewe watche to be made of Bilburgh beacon accordyng to the purport of the Quenes majestie commission it is nowe agreed that on Thursday next at ix of the cloke Maister Thomas Appleyard and Maister Craforth, Alderman, the Shirefs and Common Clerke shall repayre unto Bilburgh hill to mete with the worshipfull gentlemen and most honest of the townshipes of the Aynsty to consulte and take fynal ordre for dewe watche to be kept of the sayd beacon.

fo. 131b.

Petition concerning Market Tolls.

23 February 6 Elizabeth (1563-4). *Present*—Robert Hickleton *locum tenens*, 8 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 4 of the xxiv.

Was exhibited a bill of supplicacon by the Common Consell, head serchers and honest commoners of this Cite, for and concernyng the orderyng of the tolnes of the markets on the Pavement and malt market, the lesse wherof are nowe expired ; the tenour of whiche bill is as foloweth.

To the right honorable Lord Mayour of the Cite of York, his worshipful Brethern and Counsell of the same Cite.

In their most humble wise complayne theym unto your good Lordship and Worships your obedient and feythfull Citizens, the Common Consell and serchers of every the crafts and occupacons of this Cite of York, for and in name of all the residew of the franchised men of the same ; that where by payne of auncient chartre graunted by the Quenes majesties most noble progenitors to this Cite all the Cityesens, freemen of the same are and ought to be free of all maner of tolnes, stallages and other customes through the wholl realme of England and other the Quenes majestie domynyons ; and for so muche also that thugh gentill intreteamment of foren vyttelers in marketts or good townes thyther is brought plenty of corne and other vyttalls whiche causeth great chepenes of all thyngs necessary to the sustentacon of man ; and contrary wyse, by exacon or rough handlyng of theme, as experyence teacheth, enseweth muche darthe. Yet this notwithstanding, very good Lorde and Maisters, within the tyme of remembrance of man by some senystre means, was practysed and gotten furth serten leasses under the common seall of this Cite of a newe improvement of tolne of corne, malte and other vyttall commyng to the fre marketts of this Cite, yeildyng

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therefore a certen rent, not so muche to the proffett of the Chambre of this Citie as to the common hurts and dammage of the holle Commynaltie, excepte onely one person, farmor of the same, for by force and collor thereof as well the very Cytyzens, fremen, as almaner of strangers and contry neightbours bryngyng any kynde of grayne or other necessaryes to the said fre marketts are wrongfully exactyd and troblyd (*fo.* 132) to the great slandre of this Citie, hyndrance of the marketts, skarsitie of corne and vyttalls in the same, and fynally to the great greyf and dyscomodytie of all the said Citizens ; and namely agaynst our liberties, the Quenes lawes and consyens. Wherefore right worshipfull, we your said humble Citizens do most hartely beseeche your good Lordshippe and Maisterships for Godds cause and in the way of justyce that in tender consyderacon of the premisses that it may be ordenyd and stablyshed by your godly wysdomes with our common assents, that for so muche as the said leasses of excessyve tollnes are presentlie expyred, that frome henseforth the Citizens, fremen, bryngyng any maner of corne and graine or other vyttell to the marketts to be sold shall pay no maner of tolne, stallage or other exactyon but to be thereof quyte and free, as they ought to be.

Item that strangers and forreners bryng[ing] any maner of corne, grayne or vyttall to the marketts of this Citie to be sold shall pay no other tolne or custome but as followith ; that is to say ; of every sekk one handfull to be taken and no more, of what contents soever the said sekk contenyth in measure ; and also of every poke contenyng a busshell and upward one handfull and no more ; and pooks having in them under a busshell to pay no tolne. Item that all persones as well fremen as strangers bryngyng any other kynde of vyttall to the markett to be sold, as eggs, butter, chese, pydyons, conyes, onyons or any other kynde of vyttall what soever the same shall be to pay no tolne for the same, corne onely excepte, beyng strangers as beforesaid. And forther that it woll please your Lordship and Brethren that the olde, auncyent orders of this Citie towching setting up of corne may be putt in dewe execution. And thus your said besechers, the fre Citizens of this Citie, shall daly pray to God for the preservacon of your Lordship and Worshipfull Brethren for ever.

After whiche bill nowe distinctly redd and the contents of the same considered, they did well agree that all fremen, Citizens, shall goe quyte of all maner of tolnes and other exactions in the sayd marketts, they usyng noe color yng or deceit therin. But unto the resydewe of the request of the sayd commoners towchyng foreyners the sayd Worshipfulls could not well agree ; but therin will be advysed. And therefore are content to assemble to morow in St. Anthony Hall at ix of the cloke before none ; and that the Common Consell and other of the honest Commonars to be warned to come thither to see whoo will gyve most for the sayd markett tolnes

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to be lessed under common seale ; and in the meane tyme the sayd tolnes to be gathered to the Chambre use.

fo. 132b.

Market Tolls.

24 February 6 Elizabeth (1563-4). *Present*—Robert Hickleton, *locum tenens*, 10 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 6 of the xxiv.

Assembled in St. Anthony Hall with a great company of the honest Comoners whan and where a requeste of the sayd Comoners was recited openly not onely the sayd supplicacon of the Comoners yesterday as doth appere exhibited to the Lieutenant and Aldermen but alsoo aggrement of the same worshipful concernyng the contents of the sayd bille viz. all freemen to goe quyet of all maner of tolls in any of the sayd free marketts.

And further as towchyng tolne of corne and grayne to be taken there of foreynars the Commonars beyng moved of their further myndes therin with consideracons nowe opened to theym of the sayd worshipfull said.—First that the sayd tolne if it be ones lessed cannot (whatsoever nede the Citie shall stand in) be rayased ageyne without towne wondar and that if it be still taken by the tolne disshe accustomed there is never any that will grudge thereat. Alsoo seeng the great chardgs of briggs immynent, there is no profit of this Citie accustomed had nede to be mynesshed but rader encreased. Wherunto the sayd Commonars desyryng leve to consult togidre concernyng their answer hereunto it was granted theym. Whoo therapon returnyng did requyre that of every busshell of wheat, rie, barly, beanes, pese and haver brought to be sold by foreynors shall be taken onley but one handfull ; and of every mett of malt one handfull ; and soo upward after that rate of every the sayd kynde of graynes but nothyng to be taken therof beyng under the sayd quantitie or measure ; nor alsoo of any maner of other vitails brought to be sold. And beyng then asked by the sayd Worshipfull what they wold gyve for the said tolne, if it shold soo happen to be agreed apon, they desyred further respecte therin unto Moneday next to thentent that in the meane tyme they may learne whoo will gyve most therfor to the Citie profit; and then to certifie my Lord Mayour therof.

(fo. 133). And in the meane tyme it is aggreed that the common officers shall see to the gatheryng of all the sayd tolnes accordyngly as they have begonne by assignement of my Lord Mayour.

Item a good part of the sayd Commonars were found willyng that Reginald Fawks, esquier at the mace, shold have the preferment of a leas of the tolne of Thursday market yeldyng therfor as an other wold.

fo. 133b.

Dispute about Market Tolls.

3 March 6 Elizabeth (1563-4). *Present*—John Beane, *locum tenens*, 6 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 5 of the xxiv.

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Assembled in the chapell of Trynytie halle whan and where it was aggreed that tolnes of the hard corne market on the Pavement and malt market of this Citie shalbe taken of forynars by the dysshes as hath ben accustomed ; and alsoo that the sayd tolnes shalbe lessed for terme of xxj yeres to suche as will gyve most for the same to the Citie use.

Item it is aggreed that the tolne disshe for the said hard corne market on the Pavement shall conteyne onely after the rate of xvj disshes to make a peck.

Item that the tolne disshe for the sayd malt market to conteyne onely after the rate of viij dysshes to the peck and not above.

And for so moche as withoute consent unto the premisses had by my L. Mayour, beyng nowe at malease,¹ and dare not adventure forth of his dore therfor by appoyntment of the sayd Worshipfull, the Common Clerke and sword bearer were sent unto his Lordship to declare from theym their aggreement in forme aforesayd and that he wold assent and confirme the same; whoo withowte any further dylaye signified ageyne by the sayd myssengars to theis worshipfull that in soo moche as he hath certayne understanding by sundry of the most discret of the Common Consell that the wholle Commonars of this Citie doo still persist in their instant request that the tolne of the market on the Pavement specially be taken by the handfull and not by disshe, and that² their consent no sufficient or lawfull leas can be made of the sayd tolne accordyng to the good meanyng of this sayd presens, he therfor doeth wisse theis sayd Worshipful to stay to procede any further herin for this tyme. And in the meane tyme he will soo travaill and practise (*fo.* 134) with the most discrete of the sayd Commonars soo that eyther by fair meanes or other persuasions he hopeth to bryng to passe that they all shall quyetly and lovyngly without any further grudge or discord aggree and consent to the lessyng of the tolnes aforsayd and orderyng of the same for most advauntage and worship of this Citie. And in case he cannot this bryng to passe, his Lordship will right shortly ascertainne his sayd worshipfull Bretherne and Consell of his determynat consent and mynde in the premisses.

fo. 134b.

Musters ordered.

To our trustie and welbeloved the Mayour of our Citie of Yorke and the Aldermen of the same and to every of theym.

By the Queene

Trusty and welbeloved we grete yow well, and where for the safty and preservation of our towne of Berwik apon Twede if thenemye apon any sodayne shold attempte thannoye therof, we the last yere caused to be putt in a readynes under the conduction of sundrye capitaynes a nombre of our subjects furnisshed for the

¹ at malease ; unwell.

² The word "without" should be supplied here.

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warres, whiche nowe by death or other occasion may be disfurnisshed or absent; and for soo moche as we have thought good to avoyd all dangerouse and sodayne attempts that may come to the perill of our sayd towne, and for that alsoo we doe presently send and place there our right trusty and right welbeloved cosyn and counsellar thearle of Bedford, to be governour and capitayne of our sayd towne, we have thought good to renew the same ordre and to have contynewally in a readynes twoo thowsand soldyars under the conduction of good capiteyns; the whiche persones we thynk good to be well chosen, bothe for thabilite of their persones and for their good willes and wealth, soo as the same may (*fo.* 135) be alwayes in a perfecte readynes apou any speciall causes and warnyng gyven from our sayd cosyn to use moore expedicon in the repayre to hym to our sayd towne for this kynde of service than heretofor in other cases of repayre of soldyars hath ben used; of the whiche nombre of men we have appoynted to levie and prepare in a readynes in the Citie of York and the Aynstie of the same our Citie of Yorke the nombre of threskore souldyours; and for the specyall trust and confidens we have in your fidelites, dexterities and wisdomes we have appoynted yowe to be our commyssionars in the said Citie and Aynstie and doe by theis presents will, commande and auctorise youe, and every twoo of yow, to muster, levie and prepare in a perfite redynes with all convenient spede the said nombre of threskore good souldyours in the said Citie and Aynstie; to be well chosen of mete, tall and hable soldyours furnisshed of every hundred xxv to be pikes with corseletts, three skore after the rate to be shott with harquibuziers and murrions, and the rest with shorte weapons as halberts, bills, or batell axes and plate cotes or alman revetts, and every of theym to have his sword, dagger, jerkyn, sloppes and boots to the knees at the lest and fyve shillyngs of money in his purse when he shall procede forewards. And of your doyngs herin we woll ye make certificat with all convenient spede and at the furthest the xiiijth day of this instant moneth of Marche or before to our trustie and right welbeloved Sir Thomas Gargrave, Knight, and the rest of our said Counsell. Yeven under our signet at our Citie of York the vth day of Marche.

And by hir Counsell.¹

(*fo.* 136). Item for certayne speciall benefyts shewed by the ryght worshipfull Sir Thomas Gargrave to this Cite it is nowe agreed that he shall have gyven hym for a token of good will towards hym two hoggesheads of claret wyne of the Chambre chardgs to be chosen at discrecon of Maister Watson.

(*fo.* 138b) Certificat to the right worshipfull Sir Thomas Gargrave, Knight, Vice-president, and to the rest of the Quenes

¹ A muster of men within the City was called for the next day, March 8, at the Old Baill at 1 pm.

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majesties right honorable Counsell establishyd in theis North parties, made by the Mayour and Aldermen of the Citie of York, comysioners.

First we have undilayedly mustered and put in a readynes the said three skore soldyers of the most hable and metest men, wherof xx apte to serve with pykes, xxxvj with haquybuzers and ix with short weapons.

Item we have taken ordre for the furnyshyng apou any speciall warnyng of the said threeskore soldyars with every suche kynde of armour, weapons and other things requysite; except onely of pykes, corseletts, harquibuzers with murrians, wherof the said Citie and Aynstie is unprovided by reason that where the same Citie and Aynstie at the late service in Skotland under the Duke Grace of Norfolk did than paye for the full furniture of fyftie soldyars in conduction of Sir William Malorie, Knight; and at their retorne homwards the same Sir William caused to be leaft at Barwike to be there safly kept all suche the said armour as was not then lost in service, whiche armor leaft was litle or none; and albeit the Citizens and honest inhabitants of the said Citie and Aynstie have dyverse tymes made sewte for restitution of the said armour remayning yet coulde they not hitherto gett the same but doo nowe lacke it.

Fynally for the quarterly musteryng and teachyng of the said soldyars to use their said weapons at dayes to be therfor lymyted we have assigned for theym of the Citie a place apte therfor called the Old Bayll; and for theym of the Aynstie a place called Toft Grene.¹

fo. 139b.

Alleged dicing cheat.

28 March 6 Elizabeth (1564). *Present*—William Beckwith, *locum tenens*, the Mayor being unwell, 8 Aldermen.

Edward Penyngton of Rynghowsez apou examinacon of his behaviour and suspiciouse maner of lyvyng was thought mete to be comytted to ward ther to remayne unto he hath founde suerty for good abearyng.

Reginald Holme presently hath declared that Penyngton and Cooke came to hym and told hym ther was an yongman, a goldsmyth servant of London was runaway from his Maister and that if he will be parteyners with theym they will have hym to the dice and it shalbe worth xx^{tie} nobles to hym. And after Penyngton came to hym ageyne and sayd—thou had better ben a partener with us for we have gotten all his money, and thou mayst buy his horse and thou wilt—; and that the sayd Penyngton came than streight to his shopp and keping part of the money.

¹ The names of the soldiers follow. 13 from Walmgate Ward, 8 from Monk Ward, 7 from Bootham Ward, 7 from Micklegate Ward; and 24 from the villages in the Ainsty.

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fo. 140. Ouse Bridge to be examined. Business in London.**Certificate of non-eating meat in Lent.**

17 April 6 Elizabeth (1564). *Present*—James Symson, Mayor, 6 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 5 of the xxiv.

Was thought good considering the great chardgs that the present werk of masonry begonne upon Ouse brig will amounte unto or it can be fynished certayne skilled men, to be therto appoynted, shall view the place of the sayd brig that is named to be soo faulty ; and if thereupon they can perceyve that it will hold and contynue still as it is without great jeopardy then the sayd worke to stay unto an other tyme ; and if not then masons to procede in there sayd wirke that it may be substancially fynished this yere as it ought to be.

And nowe alsoo was devised certayne instructions in the Citie matters above for Maister Belt our sollicitour.

First to persue on the matter ageynst Robert Man and if nede be to declare agaynst hym this terme.

Item to carie up the certificat ageynst eatyng of fleshe and to put it into the Chancery.

Item to learne whether they of London or Westminster doo certifie the lyke or not, and whether suche certificat shall nede hereafter to be made.

Item to buy the booke of the last Statuts for to remayne in the Chambre.

Item to enquer, as nothyng ware, whether Sir William Vavasour, Knight, hath as yet obteyned a lycens for alienacon into mortmayn to the Mayour and Citizens of York ; it is supposed that Maister Christopher Vavasour is his sollicitour in that behalf.

fo. 141b. **Certificate that no meat has been eaten in Lent.****BOTHOME WARDE.**

Inquyrie taken within the Common Hall of the said Citie in the saide warde on monday next before Easter day, beyng the xxvijth day of March, before Thomas Standeven and Parcyvall Carnforth, Aldermen, and wardens of the said warde, by vertue of the writte and proclamacon by thoes of John Dyneley (and 14 others), inhabityng in the said warde ; whoo saye upon their oathes that frome Shroftewsdays beyng the xvth day of February last past unto this instant xxvijth of Marche aforesaid no maner of persone within this warde hath killed or solde or caused to be killed or solde any fleishe, nor hath at any tyme duryng this Lent or upon any other fyshdaye dressed or suffred to be dressed, eaten nor suffre to be eaten within their howses any fleishe contrary to the forme of the said proclamacon soo farr as they can gett knowlege.¹

¹ Similar certificates were issued in the case of the other wards.

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fo. 144. **Rate of Wages. Repair of Scarborough Pier.**

19 May 6 Elizabeth (1564). *Present*—James Symson, Mayor, 7 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 4 of the xxiv.

Aggred that the certificat of the rats of wages of artificiers, laborers and servants shall be made and certified that in lyke form as was the last yere and to be made ready to be sent up with Maister Belt.

Item that [on] contemplacon of my L. Archebishop and certayne of the Queenes majesties Consell lettre addressed to my L. Mayour and his Brederne certeyne persones, by discrecon of Maister Pacok and Robert Willy to be named, shall have lycens to aske the releyf of well disposed persones of this Cite towards amendment of Skarburgh¹ pere or haven nowe in decaye.

fo. 145. **Precautions against the Plague. Cleaning the Streets.**

14 June 6 Elizabeth (1564). *Present*—James Symson, Mayor, 5 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 4 of the xxiv.

For the better preservacon of this Cite from the sykenesse it is nowe agreed that Myklyth barr and Skeldergate posterne shalbe kept dayly by three honest inhabitants of this Cite, to be assigned by the wardens there, begynnyng tomorowe in the mornynge whan the night watche leave and depart and whan the night watche begyne ; and that as well the sayd daye kepars as night watchers doo suffre no maner of stranger or vacabund to entre but they learne where he dwelleth, and if they dwell in Ferybrig, Aberforth or Ryppon or other place therabouts nerby visited with the sykenesse, not to suffre theym to entre unto the wardens have knowlege. And the sayd day kepars to be payd for their labour of the Chambre chardgs, and this to contynewe by discrecon of my Lord Mayour and sayd wardens and that ij of the sayd iij inhabitants to watche Myklyth barre and the iijrd the posterne.

Item that streight commandement shalbe gyven to the poor of St. Thomas hospitall, the Spittel houses in the suburbs and other poor householders within and without the Cite in no wise to take in or lodge any strange vacabunds or beggars nor any other vagrant persones upon payne of imprisonment and banishment forth of their housez and Cite.

Item that lyke commandement shalbe gyven in my Lord Mayour name and his bretherne, thaldermen, to every constable in the Cite and suburbs with all diligens from tyme to tyme to see the streets and chanells, every of theym within ther rowmes, cleane swept and clensed with water and besoms and all the dung and fylth avoyded every weeke twyse at the least, that is to say, Wedensdayes and Saturdayes, as well befor the bakhowsez, stables, garthes and other vacant places as other their housez ; and that the sayd constables shall duly present all suche persones [as] shall make

¹ See *History of Scarborough*. Edited by Arthur Rowntree, p. 178.

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default in any the premisses apon peyne to every constable not presentyng to be imprisoned and pay fyne at pleasure of the Lord Mayour; and every inhabitant or tenaunt makyng defalt to pay without forgyvenesse xs to the Chambre use.

Item accordyng to the Statut, the register of the names as well of the honest inhabitants and householdars of every paroche within this Citie as alsoo of the impotent, aged and nedy shall on sonday next be received and collectors appoynted, soo that the sayd poor may be duly ordred and releved accordyng to the purport of the sayd Statut.

fo. 145b. **Plague prevention. Poor Relief.**

19 June 6 Elizabeth (1564). *Present*—James Symson, Mayor, 7 Aldermen, 3 of the xxiv.

For the bettar avoydyng of danger of the sykenesse forth of this Cite, it is aggreed that speciall commandement shalbe forthwith gyven by the common officers in my L. Mayour name to every constable of thys Citie and suburbes that with all diligent spede they gyve earnest warnyng to every occupacon and crafts man of the same in no wise for this tyme to come at Moore chersch fayre apon mydsomer day next kept within the paroche of Kirkby apon Wherf, apon peyne of lesyng their franchises and immediat banysshment the Citie for ever.

Item that the collectors and constables of every paroche of this Citie shall undylayedly have warnyng gyven theym to prepare in a readynes, fair wrytten, the names as well of every honest parochian within their severall offices, with suche somes as they doo gyve weekly towards releif of the poor as alsoo of the names of every the nedy, aged and impotent that must have of the sayd charytie; and alsoo every the sayd constables in my L. Mayor name to gyve commandement to every the sayd honest parochians personally to appere before the Lord Mayour and his Breder and alsoo to bryng with theym every the sayd poor, aged and impotent to be viewed by my sayd Lord Mayour and Aldermen at the Comon Hall of this Cite.

fo. 146. **Letter from the Earl of Bedford asking for workers
for Berwick.**

7 July 6 Elizabeth (1564). *Present*—James Symson, Mayor, 5 Aldermen.

Was redd the right honorable the Erle of Bedforth his lettre in forme folowyng.

For as moche as I have receyved advertisement from the Queenes majestie for the more spedy setting forthwards of hir Highnes fortification at Berwike to provide with all spede a more numbere of workmen to be employed there, I have therfor by theas

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presents appoynted William Cox of Newcastell to presse, take and sett forthward with all possible spede to the towne of Berwik free masons, rugl layers and briklayers to the numbere of threeskore ; therfor theis shalbe to requyre you and in the Queenes majesties name streightly chardge and command you to be aydyng and assistyng the sayd William Cox in the execution herof for her Highnes service as you and every of you will answer to the contrary at your uttermost perill. Yeven at Berwick the xiiijth of May.

F. Bedford.

To all Mayours, Shirefs, Justics of peax, Bayliffs, Constables, Headburghers and all other officers, mynisters and subjects to whom in this case it shall apperteyne.

fo. 147.

Insult to an Alderman.

8 July 6 Elizabeth (1564). *Present*—James Symson, Mayor, and 3 Aldermen.

William Gilmyn the yongar, vyntenar, bryngyng in his hand the copie of a sentence gyven in the Lord Archebisshop Court did than and there in presens of the sayd Worshipfull humbly kneele down upon thone of his knees to Maister Thomas Lawson [Alderman] readyng unto hym the sayd copie whiche was in effect that he had called hym miser or wretch.

fo. 147b.

Letter from Sir William Vavasour.

11 July 6 Elizabeth (1564). *Present*—James Symson, Mayor, William Tancred, Recorder, 4 Aldermen, 2 of the xxiv.

Was redd a lettre from Sir Thomas Vavasour.

To my verie good Lord the Lord Mayour of the Citie of York and to his Bretherne be theis yeven.

After my hartie commendacons unto your good L.; may it pleas the same I have sent to you and your Bretherne this bearer, my brother, tothend I wold understand your said L. pleasure towchyng the performans of my covenaut with you and your Bretherne, with whom I will in no wise breake, if any devise may helpe the same ; consideryng the great frendships I receyved at your hands. Wherefor theis shalbe to ascertain your good L. and sayd Bretherne that my full mynde and determynacon is to doe and deale with you, as I wold be delt withall myself ; and myndyng your contentacons I have thought good to desyre and pray you to signifie to me your pleasures, and whatsooever ordre shalbe thought reasonable by you for me to doe in respecte of your satisfaction the same will I performe by the grace of God ; and most willyngly. I wold have ben with you this day myself if health wold have suffred me, besyds some speciall busynes standyng me over hand to make present dispatch, but your appoynted tyme be it at York or ells where I shall not faile to kepe for the endyng of this cause,

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whiche I desyre not a litle ; and thus wisshyng to you allwayes as to my self I take my leve of you. From Hesylwood this xijth day of July.

Your Lordships lovyng frend
William Vavasour.

(*fo.* 148). Which lettre soo advysedly heard and considered, it was thought good that savyng allwayes the advauntage of the Statute merchant, yet apon hope that Maister Vavasour hymself will make earnest sewt for obteynyng the Queenes majestie lycens accordyng to his late promyse and communicacon comprised in a scedule therof, they shall not be hasty to sew for the forfayture unto Hilarie terme that it may be certaynly knowne whyther he can obteyne the sayd lycens or not.

fo. 148b.

Laws to be enforced.

To our trustie and welbeloved the Mayour and Aldermen of our Citie of York and to every of theym.

By the Queene.

Trustie and welbeloved we grete yowe well ; and where for the specyall trust and confidens reposed in your wisdomes, diligence and good discrecons we have appoynted yowe with others our Justices of peace in our Citie of York and the County of the same Citye for the good ordre and execucon of Justice to the quyet of our good and lovyng subjects ; and as we be credably enformed what by the negligens of yowe and too moche bearyng or wynkyng at thoffendors many of the good lawes of our realme in your defaults remayneth unexecuted and [not] dewly obeyed nor regarded to the greate incuragement of evill doers, disquiet of our good subjects and great disordre of people and contrey ; wherfor we have thought good to admonisse yowe and to put yowe in remembraunce of your dewties, and further to will and commande yow frome hensforth to be more vigilant and diligent in the dewe execucon of your dewties accordyng to our Commyssion and thorthoritie to yowe therby gyven ; and specyally that ye have specyall regarde to the dewe observacon and execucon of the lawes and statuts hereafter recyted, that is to witt ; the use, service and admynistracon of the sacraments and of those that contemptuously doe kepe holydayes prohibited ; ageinst the tellyng and spredyng of tales, news an rumours ; ageinst forstallyng, regratyng and ingrosyng ; ageinst unlawfull games ; and for the mayntenance of artylarie ; for punyshement of vacabunds and releif of the pore ; for the amending of highe wayes ; for good ordre and kepyng of ale howses ; ageinst distruccon of frye and yong fishe of keper¹ salmonds ; and ageinst

¹ Keper. The N.E.D. gives "Kepper," a rare word, meaning a device for catching fish and quotes A.D. 1558 "no person with kepper, lyme, crele shall take 'spaune of salmonds.'"

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ussyng of fyshe netts against our lawes ; against the goyng abowte of pedlars and tyncklars ; for the kepyng of watches ; for the ordre of wagaiges of servants, laborers and artificiers ; against the kepyng and shootyng in handgonnes and crosbowes ; against ryotts, rowts and unlawfull assemblies ; against apparell accordyng to the estatutes made in the first and second yeres of Kyng Philippe and Queene Mary ; and that alsoo ye se observed the late ordres and proclamacons against greate hose, great ruffs, long swords and daggers and staves and long pyks. And our pleasour is that immediatly upon the recipte herof ye take ordre for the dewe execucon of this our Commyssion within our said Citie (*fo.* 149) and the County of the same Citie and to declare your doyngs at the next Sessions of peace to be kept in our said Citie or the liberties therof, and that yowe with other our Justices there consult and aggree by some good meanes to see the good execucon of the premysses frome tyme to tyme as occasion shall requyre ; and further that ye certifie your doyngs herin to the most reverend Father in God the Archebisshope of York, Lord President of our Counsell in the North, and the rest of our said Counsell, the next gaiole delyverie to be kept before theym at our castle of Yorke. Yeven under our signet at our Citie of York the xijth day of July.

And by hir Counsell.

fo. 149.

Against Poachers.

To our trustie and welbeloved the Mayour and Aldermen of our Citie of York and to every of theym.

By the Quene.

Trusty and welbeloved we grete yowe well ; and where we be enformed that many and sundry insolent persons of this our realme, not regardyng, but rather contempnyng our lawes and to the utter distruccon of our dere and game as well in all our forrests, chases and parks as in the lawfull warrens and parks of our lovyng subjects, and alsoo to the distruccon and losse of great multitudes and nombres of wilde fowle in this our realme and to the danger of many of our lovyng subjects doeth unlawfully kepe and use the shootyng of and in crosbowes and handgonnes, wherby not onely our lawes be broken and contempned, our game destroyed and many persons encoraged and suffered to lyve insolently bothe to the perills of others and losse of theym selfs, and alsoo that many evill persons doe alsoo by wears and netts unlawfully distroye the yong and frye of fyshe by strate masked netts and other wayes contrary to the good lawes of this our realme, and that kepe netts unlawfully to kyll other mens conyes. Wherefore we myndyng the redresse and reformacon of theis mysordres have thought good to requyre yowe to gett knowledge of all suche as use to have, kepe or shote unlawfully in any crosbows or handgonne, or unlawfully to kepe any greyhounds for the killyng of deare or game, or that use

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with netts or other ingynges unlawfully to fyshe and (*fo.* 149b) to take and kill yong fyshe, or that kepe and use netts unlawfully for the takyng of other mens conyes, etc.—that ye make searche for the fyndyng of the same crosbowes etc. and do take theym into your saif custodie. Yeven under our signet at our Citie of York the xijth day of July.

And by hir Counsell.

fo. 151. **Fish garths. Monstrous Hoses.**

Instructions to tailors.

26 July 6 Elizabeth (1564). *Present*—James Symson, Mayor, 7 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 4 of the xxiv.

Aggreed that the nusancs of fysshe garthes within Ouse and Humbre shalbe viewed accordyng to the ordre made the xjth of July last. And for accompanynyng the Lord Mayour and Maister Recordar in the sayd voyag they have nowe appoynted of the Aldermen, Maister Watson and Maister Standeven. Of the xxiiij Maister Broklyng and Maister Straker. Of the Chambrelaynes Maister Grene and Maister Ketland. Of the Commons John Wilkynson, Christopher Harbert, Edward Gillpyn and John Smyth, tanner.

And for the bettar reformation of monstrouse, great hoses, dubble ruffs, long swords, rapars and daggars, bucklars with sharpe pikes, staves with long pykes, nowe commonly worne by certeyne insolent, misordred persones, there are nowe appoynted dewly to serche and present of the sayd misordres the honest, discrete persones.¹

And nowe alsoo were dyvised for the bettar remembrans certayne instructions as followeth.

(*fo.* 151b). First that every of theym within their circuyts shall from tyme to tyme quyetyly serche the howses of taylars to see what kynde of hoses they make ; and suche great hoses as they shall fynde to bryng theym to my Lord Mayour or Maister Wardens with the names of suche taylars as made theym.

And alsoo shall present to the sayd Lord Mayour and Wardens all suche mysordred persones as they shall fynde or see wearyng the sayd monstrouse hoses, swords, etc., to thentent they may be further ordred accordyng to the Queenes majesties late Parliament for redresse of the sayd enormyties.

Hoses ought to have no more cloth putt in a payer for the owteside than one yard and an half or one yard and iiij quartere at the most, and to have but one kynde of lynyng close to the leggs besyds the lynyng clothe ; and that the length of a sword or raper excede not the length of one yard and half a quarter.

¹ The names of four persons from each ward here follow.

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The names of suche as kepe handgonnes.

Christopher Lindermowth	1	} brought into the Chamber.
John Nycolson	1	
William Newsome	1	gonne delivered in.
Stephene Darogan	1	gonne broght in.

The names of suche as have confessed to have doggs—

George Stephenson	a greyhonde
John Skafeld	a greyhund bitch
Richard Chapman	a greyhonde whelp
Thomas Sands	a fleyshe greyhonde ¹
George Cooke	ij payer of hoses, a redd and a blak

fo. 153.

Repair of ruinous houses on Fossbridge.

Goods from Danzig.

18 August 6 Elizabeth (1564). *Present*—James Symson, Mayor, 9 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 5 of the xxiv.

Aggreed that the decayed howses at the south end of Fossebrig yet remaynyng in the Citie possession shalbe forthwith buylded up: and the Chamberlaynes and Brigmasters to make due provision of necessary stuffs and that suche old tymber, tyle, etc., that came of the sayd housez or chapell to be taken towards the sayd reparacons soo moche as shall nede; and the rest to be saved and kept for further uses of the sayd Citie; and that thaforesayd officers shall use ther dilygens and husband every thyng for the Cite best advauntage.

Item it is alsoo thought necessary and aggreed that streight commandement shalbe gyven by my Lord Mayour to suche persones as have brought or caused to be brought any maner of wares by ship forth of Danske, in no wise to bring any of the sayd wares to or nigh this Citie before certificat be made to my Lord Mayour from the Mayour of Hull and customers that they have entred the Custome hous and lycensed to discherdge, and therapon to knowe further of my Lord Mayour pleasur.

fo. 154.

Plague Danger.

4 September 6 Elizabeth (1564). *Present*—James Symson, Mayor, 6 Aldermen, 4 of the xxiv.

Aggreed that streight commandement shall be forthwith gyven to every suche merchant as hath caused to be brought forth of Danske any maner of lyne in no wise to suffre any the sayd lyne to come nigh this Citie by the space of twoo myles at the least apon peyne of forfaiture of xx^{li} a pece and disfranchisement for ever. Savyng allwayes that after the sayd lyne have ben sufficiently opened and ayred in some convenyent place owt of danger of infection, by sight certen honest persones to be appoynted by my

¹ A fleyshe greyhonde; a greyhound fed with part of the animal he has caught in order to make him keener on hunting.

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Lord Mayour, apon credable certificat therof he to take further order therin.

fo. 155.

8 September 6 Elizabeth (1564). *Present*—James Symson, Mayor, 7 Aldermen, 6 of the xxiv.

For soo moche as twoo catches, thone with Stavely lyne and thother with Donyngton lyne is unbewares come within this Citie and presently ligh under Ousebrig; for avoydyng of further inconvenyens that may ensewe it is nowe devised that the lyne belongyng to the sayd Tho. Donyngton, and alsoo the lyne belongyng to Robert Alen and John Hughson, wherin is supposed to be small danger of infection, shalbe by theym taken up to any hows that they have or can gett without the Citie and for lakk of suche howsez to be had to the voyde house at the common crane; and tother lyne belongyng to Stavely, wherin is feared to be jeoperdy of infection, to be removed forthwith owte of this Citie to some convenyent place, as farr as Baynton well¹ or beyond to be opened and ayred; and if nede be to have to the Citie tent lent unto theym for saffgard of the sayd lyne from the rayn.

fo. 156b. **The Archbishop asks for some of the City's moat.**

25 September 6 Elizabeth (1564). *Present*—James Symson, Mayor, 6 Aldermen, 4 of the xxiv.

Was opened by my L. Mayour that the L. Archebisshop grace by Maister James, his chancellor, hath requested to have of the Mayour and Commonaltie of this Citie by some lawfull assurans a pece of the common moat abutting apon the lat Treasurer hous nigh Monk barr; and bycause certayntie of the sayd pece of moat is not nowe knowne to this sayd presens it is thought good that certayne of the Aldermen and Wardens of that ward shall first goe and view it and therapon suche further ordre to be taken for my sayd L. Grace to be pleased soo moche as reasonably may be.

fo. 157b.

8 October 6 Elizabeth (1564). *Present*—James Symson, Mayour, William Tancred, Recorder, 11 Aldermen, 8 of the xxiv.

As touching the late request made to my L. Mayour by tharchebisshop of York for the purchase of the moat or inner rampar alonge adjoynyng to his defaced palas and the late Treasurer betwene Monk barr and Bothom barr to hym and his successours; it is nowe agreed that for to gratifie the sayd L. Archebisshop he shall have the sayd rampar offred hym for terme of his life onely, without any thyng therfor yeldyng, with lyke provisois as is made in other leasez of moats, but in no wise to sell it, or grant it in fee

¹ Baynton Well. The Bampton Well, one of the City's boundary marks towards Bishopthorpe.

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farme ; and that herapon answer to be gyven his Grace to morowe in the mornyng by the mouth of Maister Recordar in presens of my L. Mayour, Maisters Beane, Watson, Rauf Hall Craforth, Criplyn, Brokelyn.

fo. 158.

10 October 6 Elizabeth (1564). *Present*—James Symson, Mayor, William Tancred, Recorder, 10 Aldermen, 10 of the xxiv.

It was agreed that the Lord Archebisshop grace shall have offered hym a leas of the ramper or countamure and Kyngs dyke betwene Monk barr and Bothome so moche as extendeth from the skole house¹ unto the further part of the grounde belongyng the bisshopplace there.

fo. 162. **New Master of Archbishop Holgate's School.**

13 November 6 Elizabeth (1564).

Mem. that the xiiijth of Novembre John Fletcher, latly nominated and admytted by the Lord Mayour and his worshipfull brederne, Aldermen of the Citie of Yorke, to be skolemaister of the scole within the sayd Citie called Bisshop Holgate scole did openly in the same skolehows take a solempne oathe apon a book to kepe and maynteyne the prescribed rules and ordynauncs of the sayd scole in presens of the right honorable James Symson, Mayour, John Nettleton, late scolemaister of the said scole, Thomas Fale, Common Clerke, and many others.

fo. 162b. **Gathering herbs in Patrick Pool.**

23 November 7 Elizabeth (1564).

Helene Robine, wife of Richard Robin of thage of fyfty yeres apon her oath sayeth that the pece of grounde in Patrick Pole nowe in varyans betwene George Symson lat wife, widow, and John Watson, tylar, was bought by Maister Symson of hir fader called Richard Taylar alias Luther ; and sayeth she knoweth the grounde for she hath gathered herbes therin when it was in her faders custody before the sale therof.

fo. 163. **Request of the Pinnars.**

6 December 7 Elizabeth (1564). *Present*—James Symson, Mayor, William Tancred, Recorder. 5 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 1 of the xxiv.

Apon a bill of supplicacon exhibited by the pynnars it is agreed that for amendment of the sayd craft that the tynclars and makers of fysshe hooks and other wares, belongyng the pynnars craft, shalbe contributory and paye yerely towards the chardgs of pynnars pageant iiij^d a pece. Item that all forynars pynnars from hensforth shall resort to Thursday market there to sell their

¹ Archbishop Holgate's School in Ogleforth.

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pynnes and wares openly ; and none of theym to be suffred to go hawkyng about the Cite or mens howsez to sell their wares. And that it shalbe lawfull to the serchers of pynnars of this Cite to serche the sayd foreynars wares. And also to take pageant money of theym of every such forynars usyng to sell pynns or other ther stuff aforsayd within the sayd Cite iiij^d a pece.

fo. 164b.

Unruly state of the country.

Laws to be strictly carried out.

To our trustie and welbeloved the Mayour and Aldermen of our Citie of Yorke.

By the Queene.

Trustie and welbeloved we grete yow well ; and where as by the lawes of this our realme and sundry statuts yow are authorised to serche and examyne all vacabonds, valiant beggers and all other persons of what degree soever he or they be not having lands, tenements, fees, waigs, nor goods and being out of service or other lawfull traide, misterie or occupacon to live truelye and to maynteyne his or there expenses, to punnishe or commit theme according to the said lawes and statutes to thintent to reforme there disordred and unlawfull lyef to the grete benefite of them selves and saifetie of others our good and loving subjects, your negligence and remise dealinge wherein in the parties where ye do dwell, contrarie to the truste reposed in yow by us, and the like in suche other Justices of peace having the lyke authoritie and truste within our Cytie of York and the Countie of the same, haithe brought suche disorder in to the same that our trewe and loving subjects cane hardlie passe our highe waies unrobbed, neither be suer of there juste begotten goods or lives in there owne housses throughe the numbers of idle and evill disposed persons which ar become theves and murtheres thoroughe youre defaults, for wante of receyving due correcon at your hands in tyme, and a great number of robbers and burglars ar laitlie by theme comytted within our said Countie, unknowen nor by yowe examined, by whome the same ar done and comytted ; wherefore we woll and straitlie chardge and command yowe upon the recepte and sights of thes our lettres to have better regard unto your chardge and truste, and the due execucon of the said lawes accordyng to youre othes and dueties, or other wise the defaults therein shalbe required at your hands, and especiallie our pleasour ys that ye and every of yow do maike or cause to be made diligent serche without delay within that our said Citye and the Countie of the same, for all suche persons as suspiciouslie there do remayne and resorte, and suche as under the color of passingers throughe the countrey or beyng gentillmen or capitaines or souldiours or under color of buying horses, cattells or corne or under the colour teaching of fence or folowing or accompaninge those that call theme selfs maisters of fence by whiche trads and pretences

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it may appere unto yowe they cannot live and maynteyne thos expences and chardgs that they do consume and that yow do call, examyne and use theme according to our lawes and statutes, or ells that yowe do send theme in saif custodie to our Lord Presidente (*fo.* 165) or Vice Presidente and Counsell at York with suche interrogatories withall as ye shall thynke conveniente to have theme examined apon, or that ye do secretlie advertyse our said Lord Presidente or Vice Presidente and Counsell the names and behaviour of suche disordred persons as beforesaid, which ye shall thynk convenient, rather to be sent for by the said Lord President or Vice President and Counsell then to be convented before yowe, together with suche instruccons as shalbe requisite for the said persons to be examined apon. Further to certefye the said Lord President etc. dystinctlie and aperlye of youre doings, whereby your travell and good indevor for thaccomplishment of the premysse may the better appere. Yeven under our signet at our Cytie of Yorke the xxth day of December.

And by hir Counsell.

fo. 165b.

Ordinances of the Innholders.

The ancient ordynauncs of thoccupacion of Inholders of the Citie of Yorke diligentlie perused and examyned by the ryght worshipfull James Symson, Mayour, his bretherne Aldermen of Counsell of the said Citie at there assemble in the Counsell Chambre apon Ousebrig the viijth day of Septembre [6 Elizabeth] and by the said Mayor etc. with consent of William Cartar, John Esshe and John Stocke, serchars, and other the goodmen, Maisters of the said occupacon, than and there, dewly reformed, amended and stablissed to be frome thensforth firmly observed and kept for ever to the worship of the said Citie, common weale of the Queenes majesties people and amendement of the said occupacon, as foloweth.

First it is enacted that no man shall kepe any inne, hostry nor take any horse within this Citye or Suburbes, onelesse he hath a signe at his doore, apon payne to forfeyt for every horse founden in his hous or firmehold xij^d.

Item that it shalbe leefull to the serchars of the inholdars for to make searche in all things concernyng their craft as well within the howses of theym that they suspecte or shall knowe that kepys innes, hostry and takyng in of horse, which have no signe at their doores, at all tymes for the weell and good ordre of the same craft and profite of the Kyngs people; and who so of the inholdars, hostillars and takers in of horse will not suffre the serchars to make dewe serche shall forfyte vj^s viij^d.

Item that every inholdar havyng a signe at his doore shall come to the serchars at all tymes apon reasonable warnyng to give his best counsell and helpe concernyng their craft apon payne of xij^d.

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Item that every inholdar and other that kepeth innes or hostry shall have in his hows ready made bottells of hay to be shewed to the serchars at all tymes when they shall come to make serche apon peyne of xij^d.

(fo. 166). Item that the pageant maisters of the inholders yerely shall make a trewe and a dewe accompte and rekonyng of their receipts and payments concernyng their pageant and play before and unto the serchars of that craft the Sonday come a sevenight next after Corpus Christi day apon peyne of vjs viij^d.

Item where yt is accorded by Acts of Parliament that no inholder ne hostilar shall make any horse bread within his hows or ells where, for better observing wherof it is ordeyned that no baker of this Citie shall kepe any inne or hostry ne take in no horse apon peyne of xs.

Item that the serchars of the hostlars within this Citie shall have full powre to make dewe and true serche in all and every hostry of all oates mesures, that is to say, busshell, half busshell, peke and half peke, and botells of hay and that all the bottells kepe sufficient weyght according to the statuts in the Chamber.

Item it was agreed that what yere it shall chause the play accustomed at Corpus Christmas to be omitted and not played then the occupacon of inholders for that yere shall not be compelled to pay any pagiant money to the Chamber use.

fo. 166b.

A Ferry over the Ouse.

9 January 7 Elizabeth (1564-5). *Present*—James Symson, Mayor, 8 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 10 of the xxiv.

Agreed that Maister Robert Maskewe and John Wilkynson shall have the ferriage¹ of all maner of passengers over the water of Ouse, they fyndyng and kepyng at all tymes for that purpose twoo hable and mete catches with one lytle boat; takyng for their peynes wages as foloweth viz. of strangers or foryners for a man and his horse onely a peny, for a foteman without horse ob; and the sayd man and his horse and foteman to be feryed over ageyne for the sayd wages, yf they shall chause to retourne that wayes; savyng allways that all franchised men inhabityng within this Citie shall have of the sayd Maskewe and Wilkynson free passage at all tymes with oute dylay or contradicion for theym, their horse and cariage, provyded alsoo that the feryman at Saynt Leonards lendyng may lawfully occupie his fery as he was accustomed. And this ordre to contynewe at discrecon of my Lord Mayour and his brederne thaldermen.

¹ The reason for the setting up this ferry was the destruction of the central pier of Ouse Bridge a few days earlier. A severe frost had been followed by a thaw and the flooded river piled up ice floes against the bridge which gave way under the strain. The ferry was soon superseded by a bridge of boats.

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Item it is nowe thought requysyte that all suche tymbre¹ and stuffe as shall chause to be found wrecked within this Citie or suburbs shall be serched for and seised by the oversyght of the Chambreleyns to the Citie use, savyng the right therof to the owners if it can be sufficiently proved.

fo. 170.

The Ouse Ferry.

26 January 7 Elizabeth (1564-5). *Present*—James Symson, Mayor, 6 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 13 of the xxiv.

Maister Robert Maskewe and John Wilkynson, occupiars latly appoynted of feryage within this Cite have before all this worshipfull presens promysed to yeld and pay for the sayd ferula wekely on saturday to the Chambre use tenne shillyngs; and to fullfyll and doe in all poynts and condicons accordyng to the former aggreement made of ixth of Januarie; addyng to that it shalbe lawfull to the sayd Maskew and Wilkynson to take of strangers, buyars of malt, within this Citie for every quarter malt ferula a peny; provided that apon one monethes warnyng by the sayd Wilkynson to be gyven my L. Mayour and his Bredren to be, after the sayed moneth warnyng, at libertie to leave of.

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fo. 1.

Money to be collected for rebuilding Ouse Bridge.

16 February 7 Elizabeth (1564-5). *Present*—John Bean, Mayor, 5 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 7 of the xxiv.

To thentent it may be knowne what every inhabitant of this Citie and suburbs will of their fre will gyve towards reedifieng and amendment of Ousebrige latly fallen it is devised and agreed that the constables of every parochie shalbe commaunded in my L. Mayour name to bryng in unto hym, fayre wrytten, betwene this and monday next the names of every householder within their several offices soo that therapon further ordre may be taken by my sayd L. Mayour and Aldermen, every one within their owne wards to practise with the sayd inhabitants what every of them will frankly gyve towards the seyd reparacons.

And that in the meane tyme every of the sayd worshipfull men to consider and devise by what other convenyent means any profit or sommes of money can be raysed towards the seyd chardgs.

fo. 1b.

Application for a licence to trade.**Clerk of Assizes appointed.**

23 February 7 Elizabeth (1564-5). *Present*—John Bean, Mayor, 8 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 7 of the xxiv.

¹ Chamberlain's Accounts 1565, fo. 108. For gettyng and bryngyng to this Citie serten tymbre that was carryed in to Fulford feildes with the greate flode xlvj^s ijd.

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Aggreed that twoo lettars shall be made in name of my L. Mayour and his bredren Aldermen, thone to the Lord Archebisshop and thother to thearle of Leycestre in favour of Maister Watson, Alderman, concernyng his sewte for lycens to trafique to Naver in consideracon that accordyng to his promyse now made he shall gyve xli^{li} yerely toward reparacon of Ousebrige soo long as it shall chance the sayd lycens to contynewe in force.

The copie of a lettre to Maister Franklen, clerke of thassise in York.

After right hartie commendacens as unaquaynted: where as I understand ye clayme a dewtie of this Citie lyke as Maister Frobisher, lat clerk of thassise had, theis are to advertise you that for his friendly counsell whiche we from tyme to tyme had of hym, we of gentilnes so gave hym a fee of xiijs iiij^d paiable equally at thassise; but afor his tyme was there never any suche fee or other dewtie eyther payd or demanded by or to any his predecessours. Albeit trustyng to have at your hands suche lyke frendship and advyse in our just causes as we had of hym, we are well pleased to gyve alsoo unto you such lyke fee as he had; as knoweth God whoo kepe yow. From York the xxvth of Febr. 1564.

Your lovyng frend, John Beane,
Mayour of York.

fo. 2.

Sir Martin Bowes' money.

12 March 7 Elizabeth (1564-5). *Present*—John Bean, Mayor, 5 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 8 of the xxiv.

Richard North, merchant, payed to thands of the Chamberleyns xli^{li} in part of payment of lxli¹ of Sir Martyne Bowes money to be dewe at thannunciacon of our Lady next, and at speciall request of the same Richard it is now aggreed that xxli^{li} resydewe he the same Richard at his choyce shall have for half a yere withoute any thyng therfor payenge of interest or ells for an wholle yere, takyng therwith an hows of the common rent for terme of the seyd yere yeldyng therfor yerely to the Citie use xli^s over and besyds the old rent of the same.

And it is further aggreed that for the bettar maynteynaunce of the godly devise of the seyd Sir Martyne Bowes and for that the Citie doo presently stand in great nede of helpe towards repair of Ouse brige the sayd somme of xli^{li} presently receyved shall be used to some advauntage to the Chambre, and suche to have the same as will gyve most therfor to the Citie profit.

And it is alsoo willed that a gentle request shalbe made to Maister Recorder to be here on saturday next for certayne matters wherin it is thought good to have his advyse.

¹ The document granting this money is to be found in *York Civic Records*, vol. V, 173.

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fo. 2b.

Present to the Archbishop.**How to raise money for Bridge repair.**

16 March 7 Elizabeth (1564-5). *Present*—John Bean, 7 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 7 of the xxiv.

Assemblyd in the closett within Yorke Mynster it was thought good to present my L. Archbisshop grace at his repayre hither from London with a tone of Gascoigne wyne of my Lord Mayour and Citizens gift. And to thentent the same may be prepared in readynes accordyngly Maister Watson, Maister Rauf Hall and Maister Standeven are appoynted to break herof to Maister Joanes to know my L. gracs pleasure in acceptyng the same.

(fo. 3). Mem. that where Ouse brige and staith must be spedely reedified to thexcedyng chardge of this Cite certayne motions was made and comoned apon by my L. Mayour howe most convenyent withoute any distresse of the Citizens a somme of money may be levied towards the seyd reparations—as foloweth.

First for the wyntar eatage of certayne closes and grond abowte this Cite for ready mony to be lessed for certayne yeres.

Item the occupiars of late Burtons lands to be called in to know what gressome they will gyve for a leas of the same.

Item to practise what may convenyently be made of St. Georges hous or chappel.

Lykewise if any superfluouse thyng may be spared in Saynt Antony and St. Thomas hospitall.

Item some komodiouse pece of Knavesmyer to be enclosed and lett for the most advauntage of the Chambre for terme of yeres.

Lykewise a pece of wast grounde on the bakside of Jubery in Monk ward to be taken in.

fo. 6.

Meeting of the Common Council and Citizens.**Ouse Bridge Problems.**

16 April 7 Elizabeth (1565). *Present*—John Bean, Mayor, 8 Aldermen, 11 of the xxiv.

Assembled in the Common Hall with a good company of the Chamberleyns, Common Counsell and other honest Commoners, whan and where apon recytall of the present decayes and chardgs of this Citie it was moved by the Lord Mayour to all the sayd presens for their good furtherans and advise in certayne articles hereafter ensewyng.

First whether pontage or ferula shalbe taken of horsemen passengers and comers to this Citie towards the sayd chardgs or noe.

Item whether it shalbe bettar that hyar shalbe gyven for the boates wherapon the brig is stayed or ells they to be bought clere owte.

Item it were bettar the brigge decayed to be reedified of stone or of tymber.

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Item what devise or meanes the serchers etc. can fynd wherby any profit or somme of money can be raysted towards the sayd chardgs.

And Maister Graves, Maister Maskewe, Petre Hindlesse, John Walkynton, John Dynely, Richard Aynley, Thomas Mydleton the yonger, tannar, and John Hewbanke are named by their industries to dryve the seyde boates eyther to a reasonable price or ells to reasonable hyar.

Alsoo to thentent that the bettar advysement may be taken herin it is nowe agreed that as well the seyde serchers as thabovenamed vij persons shall certifie their doynge in the premisses to my L. Mayour and Aldermen etc. at the Common Hall on friday in Easter weke next at ix of the cloke before none.

fo. 6b.

27 April 7 Elizabeth (1565). *Present*—John Bean, Mayor, 8 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 7 of the xxiv.

Assemblyd in the Counsell Chambre of the Common Hall and afterwards issuyng forth emongs a good part of the Common Counsell ready assembled in the sayd Common Hall; whan and where after thanswere of the most part of thoccupiers put in to tharticles to theym mynistried for reedifieng of Ouse brig, latly fallen, apon the hearyng and debatynge howe the chardgs therof might most convenyently be raysted and levied, it was fynally concluded and agreed by all the sayd worshipfull with consent of the sayd Common Counsell and other honest Citizens than and there assembled that a competent somme of money for the reedifieng the sayd brig ageyne of stone shuld with all convenyent spede be taxed and levied of every thinhabitants of this sayd Citie and suburbs of the same by discrecon of my Lord Mayour and Aldermen, Justics of Peax, accordyng to the tenour and forme of the Acte of Parliament of broken briggs latly made and provyded.

fo. 7. **Citizens to be taxed for the rebuilding of Ouse Bridge.**

30 April 7 Elizabeth (1565). *Present*—John Beane, Mayor, 10 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 6 of the xxiv.

Assemblyd in the Counsell Chambre of the Common Hall it was agreeyd that the somme of iiij^{cli} shall be sessyd of thenhabytants of this Citie towards the reedyfyeng of Ousebrige and other charges for clensyng the ryver of Ouse and the same somme to be gatheryd at fower severall tymes.

And also agreyd that the constables and two or thre of the moaste towards and honest parochianours of every paroche in Walmgate¹ ward shall be warnyd by thoffyicer to appere at this place to morro at one of the clokk after none to be mayd prevay to the assessyng of every there parochianours for the said brige.

¹ On fos. 8b, 9 and 9b are arrangements for the other wards.

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fo. 9.

An obstinate shopkeeper.

4 May 7 Elizabeth (1565). *Present*—John Bean, Mayor, 4 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 4 of the xxiv.

Assembled in the Counsell Chambre of the Common Hall whan and where it was agreed that for as moche as John Wright, merchant, freeman of this Citie hath disobediently occupied and kept open his shop wyndowes contrary to the commandement of the L. Mayour and his bretherne, thaldermen apou just occasion he therfor the sayd John Wright shall hereafter at time convenyent be called in by discrecon of the seyd L. Mayour to make answere for his sayd disobedyens.

6 May.

Assembled in the closet¹ within York Mynster when and where John Wright, merchant, before all the sayd presens, shewyng hymself right sorye of his obstynat behaviour ageynst my Lord Mayour and his worshipfull brederne thaldyrmen in disobeying their commandement did humbly submytte hymselfs willyng therfor to stand to and abide suche correction and fynes as to their good discrecons shall seme convenyent what tyme soo ever it shall please my L. Mayour to send for hym.

fo. 9b.

Things to be done in London.

Remembrances to Maister Belt as towchyng the Citie of York matters above at Westminster, termino Paschae 1565.

Fyrst to learne whiche the Cities of London and Westminster by force of a certayne proclamacon doo contynewe ther yerely inquyre and certificat ageynst eatyng of fleisshe in Lent, yea or noe.

Item if they doo contynewe their seyd inquire and certificat then to put in the certificat of the Cite of Yorke in that behalf; or ells not.

Item to have an eye to the procedyngs in thatteyntz at sewte of Robert Bates, gent, ageynst certayne inhabitants, fremen of Yorke, and to gett the same steyed soo moche as ye convenyently may; all though it be chardgeable.

And what chardgs ye shall desburse you to be thankfully payd at your home commyng.

fo. 10. Arrangements for gathering Money for Ouse Bridge.**Provision for the Lord Mayor.**

18 May 7 Elizabeth (1565). *Present*—John Bean, Mayor, 9 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 9 of the xxiv.

Were named for every paroche within this Citie, collectours of the late assessments for reparacon of Ousebrig; and the sayd money to be levied at iiij severall tymes by even porcions; the

¹ Chamberlain's Accounts for 1565. "Payd to Maister Foddergyll for mendyng the lokk of the closett dour and for a newe kay and nales vjd."

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first before the xxvth of this instant May, the secund before the xxvth of June next; the third before the xxvth of July; and the iiijth before the xxvth of August next comyng. And the sayd money so gathered shall from tyme to tyme be payd by the sayd collectors to thands of the Chamberlains for the sayd reparacons.

Item it is nowe aggreed that the Lord Mayour of this Citie nowe beyng, for the bettar maynteynyng of provision for his hows kepyng shall have duryng this yere lyke as Maister Symson had in the last yere one closse, parcell of Tanghall felds, called Tanghall Greyne yeldyng therfor to the Citie use fyve marks onely, at termes usuall; and that from hensforth the Mayour of the sayd Citie for the tyme beyng shall lykewise have the sayd closse, if he will, yeldyng therfor the sayd rent of lxxvj^s viij^d in ferme above sayd.

fo. 11b.

Men and machinery for Ouse Bridge.

28 June 7 Elizabeth (1565). *Present*—John Bean, Mayor, 6 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 7 of the xxiv.

Agreed that two lettres shall be forthwith mayd frome my L. Mayour and his Bredern, thone to Maister Ralf Hall and thother to Sir Martyn Bowes, with as moche spede as may be to gytt a connyng man in devysyng of getties for reedyfieng and reparyng of Owse brige and Staith. And Maister Fawks is thought mete to goe with all haste for gettyng the said man and he to lerne if any ingens or stuff mete for that purpose is to be gotten at London that cannot be gotten here.

And in the mean tyme the watter worke to be in doying to bryng the watter into so lytle a rowme as may be.

fo. 12.

A caisson builder.

14 June¹ 7 Elizabeth (1565). *Present*—John Bean, Mayor, 8 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 5 of the xxiv.

Leonard Craven, carpenter, was callyd and demandyd yf he wold undertake to worke and fynyshe his worke at the gytty under Owse brig as it oght to be for avoydyng of the watter; and he answered and said—he hadd no dowbte to fynyshe the same, that the masons shall worke dry there to sett there fundacon of the pyllors of the brygge, so that he shall have suche stuff as shall neyd to the same; and there apon the said presens was contentyd and agreyd that he shuld contynewe uppon his worke of the said gyttie.

fo. 12b.

An absenting Alderman.

Aldermen as overseers.

6 July 7 Elizabeth (1565). *Present*—John Bean, Mayor, 9 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 9 of the xxiv.

¹ Such is the date given.

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Aggreed that warnyng shalbe furthwith gyven to Maister Lawson, Alderman, by an officer to come in on fryday next and shewe cause whie he shold not pay unto the Chambre use x^{li} payne by hym forfayted for every his none apparens at thassembles of my Lord Mayour and Brethern accordyng to an ordre therof made in the tyme of Maister Craforth, Mayour.

Item for the more spedy expedicon of the common work and reparacons of Ousebrig it is nowe aggreed that one Alderman or his sufficient deputie within his ward shall dayly see to the workfolk at the sayd brig by turne begynnyng on monday next first at the most auncient Aldreman and soo in ordre soo long as the said common work be in hand.

Item that Preston and Squier, masons, shalbe forthwith sent for to come with the spede possible and see where it [is] best to begynne his worke and soo to goe forward.

fo. 13. **Animals in the moats. Wages.**

The absenting Alderman.

13 July 7 Elizabeth (1565). *Present*—John Bean, Mayor, 12 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 6 of the xxiv.

Apon just occasion it was aggreed that the auncient ordynauncs ageynst kepyyng of iiij foted bestz apon the common moates¹ of this Citie shall be putt in dewe execution and thoffendars therin to be called apon and punisshed accordyng to the seyd ordynauncs at discrecon of my Lord Mayour.

Item the certificat of wages of artificers, laborars and servaunts by force of thacte of Parliament shalbe made this yere in lyke forme as was made the last yere.

Item wher Maister Lawson, Alderman, contrarie to the late ordre and payn for his not attendans and apperyng at the accustomed assemblies of my Lord Mayour and his Brederne for the Queenes affayres and common weale of this Citie haith made default at xx severall tymes in my Lord Mayours dayes that nowe is at the least, and nevar gave any his attendans duryng the sayd space ; it is nowe therfor aggreed that for his fyne forfayted for his sayd negligens and defaults contrary to his oathe he shall lay downe to be payd to the Chambre use x^{li}, wherof apon certayne consideracons the sayd presens movyng they are content he shall have viij^{li} gyven hym agayne ; and further that the sayd ordre ageynst hym made in the tyme of the mayrialtie of Maister Craforth shall contynewe in force. And the sayd Maister Lawson beyng present and submyttyng hymself to thordre of this hows apon hearyng of their sayd award hath willyngly consented to performe the same in the next assemble.

¹ The moats mentioned here are the dry moats on the inside of the City walls.

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fo. 13b. **Sir Martin Bowes promises help towards Ouse Bridge.**

To the right honorable and my syngular good lord, the Lord Mayor of York yeve this.

Right honorable and my syngular good Lord Mayor and your worshipfull Bretherne all, I have me comended ; and where as Maister Hall and Maister Swordbearar have been sewtars unto me for your decayed bridge of York, for the whiche I am verie sorie to heare of ; yf it pleased you to sett forth the helpe of the same to be repayred ageyne I have ben an earnest sewtar to my L. Mayor and his Bretherne here, as well for the amendement of your bridge, the most expert workman that aperteyneth to London bridge and (as we thynk) within the realme for such bridge work, not dowbtyng but that he shall doo you good ; for his wages ye shall gyve him none ; for he is the Cities freeman ; whois name is Thomas Harper ; his chardges to and fro you must beare and his chardge for bedd and boarde whilest he remayne with you ; and that you will gyve unto hym let it be in recompense at his departure, otherwise not. And I pray you make moche of hym for he is an honest man. And thother that cometh with hym Maister Swordbearar knoweth what bargayne is made with hym soo longe as he shall serve you whiche is, immediatly after his departure from hens ii^s vi^d a day, meat and drynk and lodgyng and bootes to stand in the water. And as for Thomas Harper the Cities feed man cannot be absent above one moneth. And moche a doo I had to gett that space for hym to helpe you. And thus wysshyng unto you and to your Citie as unto our owne I commytt you to God.

From London the viith day of this Julye 1565.

Your Lordshipes to commaund,

Martin Bowes, Knight.

fo. 14.**The purchase of the manor of Eastburn.**

To my very lovyng frends the Lord Mayour of the Citie of York, his Bretherne and Commonaltie of the same.

After my right hartie commendacons, where my lovyng frend Maister Vavasour hath entred into bargayne with you as I understand for the absolut purchase of his manore of Eastburne holden of the Queenes majestie in cheif, thassurans wherof cannot stand good withowte lycence in mortmayne, whiche cannot convenyently be had of lands both of that value and tenure, whiche notwithstanding he hath to his great chardgs labored both by hymself and other his frends here to have procured, if it may be obteyned, myndyng to have satisfied you as reason wold and as he specially desyred. Because it is very hard and alsoo rare to obteyne suche a sewte wherin he earnestly travayled. Yet understanding that he hath bounde hymself in one thowsand pounds for performance of theis covenants whiche he cannot compasse, I am bolde to desyre you to deale favorably with hym for breache of his covenant.

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And as I doubt not but that he will abide and stand to any reasonable ordre soo I pray you the rader for my sake that he may fynde the more favour at your hands.

From Grenwyth ye 21 of July,
Your assured lovyng frend,
W. Cecill.

fo. 15. Letter to Sir Martin Bowes thanking him for his help.

To the right worshipfull Sir Martyn Bowes, Knight, Alderman of the Citie of [London] yeve this.

Right worshipfull after our most harty recommendacons; with our beste thanks for your manyfold benyfitz towards this poor Cite of York at all tymes, and namely for your late gentle sewte made to the right honorable the L. Mayour of London and his worshipfull Bredrene for sendyng down unto us twoo of the connyngest men that could be gotten for amending of our decayed brig of York, specially their head man Maister Harper, besechyng you in our name to gyve theym therfer most hertie thanks, assuryng theym yf at any tyme it may ligh in our power to grant theym or theyrs with any lyke pleasur they shall not faill therof to the best of our power, for we have founde theym very expert and peynfull men; and specially Maister Harper, a man of excellent conynge whoo by reason he wold take no wages other than for bedd and board, yet in some part of recompense of his good consell and great peynes abowte our sayd bridge amending we have gyven hym fyve ponds besyds x^s to his costs homward ageyne. And wher it is not a full satisfaction we shall pray you on our behalfe to gyve hym thanks. Sorie were we so soone to depart with theym, but as reason requyreth he wold not break his day lymyted by the sayd Lord Mayour. And as for thother, Maister Laurens, a very honest, diligent and expert man, we trust soo to enterteyne here as shalbe to his contentment, God willyng, who preserve yowe good worship in moch worship with good health longe to prospere. From Yorke the vjth of August 1565.

Your worships loving frends Jo. Bean, Mayour of Yorke and the bredren thaldermen.

fo. 15b.

5 August 7 Elizabeth (1565). *Present*—John Bean, Mayor, 8 Aldermen.

Assembled in the chapell of thospitall of Saynt Anthony within the Citie of York whan it was agreed that Thomas Harper, overseer of London bridge, for his counsell, peynes and diligens taken abowte makyng jetties for reparation of Ousebrig fallen shall have gyven hym of the Chambre chardgs in reward xx coronas viz. vii and for his costys home to London ageyne x^s; and a letter to be made in name of my L. Mayour and his Bredren to Sir Martyne Bowes, Knight, in thanks not onely to hym but alsoo to the Lord

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Mayour and Aldermen of London for their gentlenesse in sendyng the said Harper.

Item that the right honorable the Earle of Shrewsbery, Lieutenant to the Queenes majestie shall be presented with such lyke present as hath ben alate to lyke men of honour in suche lyke authoritie etc. at his comyng here to York.

fo. 16.

Muster of Horses for service.

7. August 7 Elizabeth (1565). *Present*—John Bean, Mayor, 9 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 9 of the xxiv.

To our trustie and welbeloved the Maiour of oure Citie of Yorke and to our trustie and right welbeloved John Vaughan, esquier, one of our Counsell in the Northe parts, and to our trustie and welbeloved Rauf Bowcher, Thomas Fairefax, Henry Vavasour and John Harbert, esquiers, Robert Hall and William Watson, Aldermen, and to all others the Justics of our peace within the County of our Citie of Yorke and to every of them.

By the Quene

Trustie and welbeloved we grete youe well ; and for as moch as our pleasure is to have a muster and viewe taken of all the horsses and geldings whiche by ordre of our lawes everye person is bound to kepe and manteyne mete for service, we for that purpose for the trust reposed in youe have made thone of youe and by thies presents require, will and aucthorise you to take the viewe and muster of all manner of horsses and geldings and their furnytures with everye person resydinge within the Cyttie of Yorke and Countie of the same, as well within the liberties, townes corporate as other places is bounde by our lawes to fynde, manteyne and kepe, and to make full certificate thereof by wrytinge under your sealles of the same and the perfight state thereof to our ryght trustie and right welbeloved tharchebisshoppe of Yorke, Lord Presydent of our Counsell in the Northe parts and the rest of our said Counsell before the fourth day of September next. And for the spedyer dispatche herof we will ye devide yourselfs into severall parts of the said Citie of Yorke and County of the same as ye shall se cause (fo. 16b) and to appoynte convenyent places and tymes when and where to se the said horsses and geldings. And to thintent that everye person may have knowledge of the day and tyme ye shall appoynt ye shall do well to cause warnynge to be given in wrytinge in every parishe church of some hallidaye that every person chargeable to kepe anye horse or geldinge for service shall brynge or cause to be broght the same horsses and geldinges with their furnytur before you at the day and place by you appoynted uppon payne that everye person makynge defalte shalbe punnyshed accordinge to the lawes without remysson ; and for suche defaults and the understandinge thereof we mynde shortlie to have inquerie made by our Commission to be award for that purpose. And

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because we wold nor be deceyved herein by borrowinge of horsses or geldings or by bringynge one horse or geldinge to sundrye placis, oure pleasure is ye shall have good regayrd therunto and findinge suche deciept to charge the partie therwith and also certifye the same in your muster, and ye shall do verye well to have good regard there unto. And generallie our pleasure is ye shall do al things by your good discessions that maye tende to have a good and true certyficat of all the horsses and geldings and furnyturs that oght to be kepte by the lawes of our realme; and because youre owne good examples herin maye further this service our pleasure is that you accordinge to your dwellyng placis shall cause youre owne horsses and geldings wher with you are chargeable to be the first presented, musterd and registred in the open place appoynted for the muster. And our pleasure is that no pretence of excuse be suffered to be used in forbearynge or makinge defaulte hereof. And upon the fenysching of our musters we require you to make spedye certyficat of your doyngs at the furthest before the sixte daye of September next to thende you may further determyne our pleasure for the further execucon of our lawes provided in this behalf.

Yeaven under our signet at oure Citie of Yorke the iiijth daye Auguste the seaventh yere of oure reigne.

(fo. 17). A declaracon of such as by the lawes be bounde to kepe great horsses or geldinges or eyther of them with ther furniture.

First every temporall man havinge landes or heriditamentes to the cleare yerelie value of m^{li} of estait of inheritance or frehold to fynd and maneteyne of their owne and at their proper coostes and charges vj horses or geldings hable for demy lancys, whereof iij at the least to be horsses with harnesses, stele, saddles and weapons requisite and aperteyning to demylancs, with also x horsses or geldinges hable and mete for light horsmen with the furniture of armour and weapon mete for the same.

Everye lyke person havynge lyke estait of landes or heryditaments the clerelie value of a thowsand marke and under a m^{li} to have and maneteyne as ys aforesaid four horses or geldings for demylancyes, wherof ij at the lest to be horses and vj horses or geldinges for light horses with all armour, saddles and weapons as ys aforesaid.

Every lyke person havinge lyke estait of lands and heriditaments of the cleare yerelie value of cccc^{li} and under m markes to have and maneteyn twoo horsses or one horse and one geldinge for demy lancies and fower geldinges mete and hable for light horsmen with armour, saddles and furnitur¹.

¹ The document continues: men with estate of 200^l to contribute 1 demy lance and 2 light horse; of 100^l 2 light horses; of 100 marks 1 light horse; men worth 1000 marks in goods to contribute 1 demi-lance, 1 light horse; men with 400^l in goods 1 light horse.

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Every lyke temporall person not before named whose wief weareth or useth to were a gowne of sylke or a french hood or bonnet of velvet with any abilyment past or edge of golde, perle or stone or any cheyne of gold about their neckes or in any parte of their apparell of their bodies or shall were any velvett in any part of hir gowne other then cuffes or pursells or shall were any kirtle of velvet or silke peticots, shall have and kepe one horse or geldinge mete for a light horse with armour and furnytur for the same.

fo. 18. **The supervision of workmen repairing Ouse Bridge.**

3 August 7 Elizabeth (1565).

Ordre taken by the Lord Mayour and Aldremen for the spedye furtherans of the present work of Ousebrig.

That every day one Aldreman, one of the xxiiij and twoo such discrete comonars as the said Alderman will call to accompayny hym shall oversee and applye the workfolk begynnnyng first at the most auncient Alderman, ij most auncient of the xxiiij, and soo dayly by course and in ordre as the sayd Alderman and ij of the xxiiij shall from day to day have warnyng by an officer ; and that every the sayd Alderman for his turne shall bryng with theym a clerke to take a perfecte note of the names of every kynd of workmen takyng wages to delyver over to the Chambrelayne the same day there attendant. And whan soever any paroche shalbe commaunded to work in the common works of the sayd brig the constable of the same paroche shall bryng with hym a bill of every householder soo commaunded to be called by name bothe at morne and at afterdynar, soo that the defaults may be marked and fyne of iiij^d to be sete on every suche as shall chause to make defalt to be levied to the Chambre use.

fo. 18b. **Letter from the Earl of Shrewsbury.**

To my veray loving freynnds the Lord Maiour and the Aldermen his bretheren of the Quenes majesties Citie of York.

After right herty commendacon with like thanks for your present I have appoynted to have putt in redynesse the Quenes majesties force one hundreth men in the Citie of York and Liberties therof, yet in respecte of your present chardge of your brige I have thought good for this tyme to spare the musteryng of them, willing you nevertheles to have suche respecte therunto as the same maye when occacon shall so requyre be in convenyent redynes. And so I bydd you right hertely fayre well. Frome Helagh the xijth day of August 1565.

Your very loving frend,

J. C. Shrewsbury.

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fo. 19b. **Cost of temporary Bridge. Hitch in repair work.**

1 September 7 Elizabeth (1565). *Present*—John Bean, Mayor, and 9 Aldermen.

Where as the Chambre is at great chardge with the weekly hyar of catches for the wood brig and soo lyke to contynew to the duble worth of the said catches it is nowe therfor aggreed that the ownars of the sayd catches shall be called in before my L. Mayour and such other with hym, as he shall thynk good, to dryve a pryce of theym with the ownars soo good cheape as they can ; and alsoo to buye theym quyte forth for the Cite best profit.

Item by reason of the none certayntie dayly of the water and for that the fundacons of the pillars and stathes cannot therby be found and made ready for the masons to work apon, it is aggreed that they shalbe forthwyth dischargd, and to be chardged to be here ageyne apon a day warnyng after the sayd fundacors be founde owt and ready for their sayd work.

fo. 22b. **Treasure Trove.**

Confessed by Maister Wright to be founde in his garthe as treasure trove xxiiij or xxv old grotes, four half old nobles and ix quarters of old nobles amountyng to the value of lxx^s and hath submytted hymself herin to thordre of my L. Mayour and his Bredren.

fo. 24. **The Bridge of Boats.**

24 September 7 Elizabeth. *Present*—John Bean, Mayor, 8 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 8 of the xxiv.

For avoydyng the importunat and dayly chardgs and hyar of boates supportyng the wood bridge over Ouse it is aggreed that the sayd boates shall be bought to the Cite use at soo reasonable pryce as can be dryven to the Cite advauntage and that soo moche shalbe taken of the land sale as will pay therfor by discrecon of my Lord Mayour.

fo. 26. **Commission for Musters.**

16 October 7 Elizabeth (1565). *Present*—John Bean, 8 Aldermen, 11 of the xxiv.

Was openly redd the Quenes majestie Commyssyon with certen artycles for a generall musters to be taken within this Citie and Liberties of the same ; and therappon it was agreyd that the said Comysson and articles shall be furthwith sent to Syr Oswold Wilbeforse Knight, Ralf Bowsher and Henry Vavasour, esquier, thre of the Commyssioners appoyntyed with my L. Mayour and Aldermen for that purpose ; and that the balyf of thaynsty in my L. Mayour name shall requyer and will the said Maisters Wyllestrop,

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Bowsher and Vavasour to be here at Yorke uppon fryday next at ix of the clokk before none for spedy order to be taken for the said musters accordyng to the termes of the said Comyssyon and artycles, the copy whereof hereafter followeth¹.

(fo. 27). Instructions to the Commissioners for musters for the maiking of ther Certificats.

First that ye certifie the name of everye towneshippe.

Seconde that the name of everye gentleman in the towne where he dwellethe with the names of his servantes beinge able to serve and all the furnitures of horse, armour and weapons which the said gentlemen is bounden to have by the lawes of this realme.

Item that everye other man of the towne beinge bounden by the lawe to have anye furniture that the same be certified on this heade.

Item that all comon armor and weapons perteyninge to the towne be also certified.

Item that the name of every persone in the towneshippe able to serve be also particulerlie named in the certificate.

Mem. that all thes particulars before specified appere distinctlie and plainlie in the certificate of everie towne by itself and so one towne after an other, and if any person lacke any armor he is bounden to have by the lawe that ye certifie his lacke and appoint hym a daye to provide the same and certifie the same.

Mem. that all persones before appointed to be in a readynes remayne readye as they be appointed, all others able to serve to be in a readynes with ther furnitures as apperteneth.

fo. 31b.

Present to Sir Thomas Gargrave.

7 December 8 Elizabeth (1565). *Present*—John Bean, Mayor, 8 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 5 of the xxiv.

In consideracon that Sir Thomas Gargrave, Knight, in all maner the Citie affaires, whereas he hath ben eyther present or had any doying, hath and is evere ready bothe by his good word and dede to helpe and pleasure the sayd Cite, it is therfor agreed that he shall have of the Chambre chardgs for a token one tonne² of claret or whyt wyne at his pleasure and that the same wyne shalbe chosen owte of the best by Reginald Fawks and one suche the sayd Maister Gargrave servant as he shall appoynt, and quyetly to be conveyed where he shall thynke good; and all that to be moved where he shall thynke good; and all this to be moved unto hym by the Common Clerk and Sword bearer.

¹ The text of the Commission here follows.

² Chamberlain's Accounts, 1565. To Robert Bowle for a tonne of gascoyne wyne, claryd and white, gyven to Sir Thomas Gargrave, Knight, xijli.

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fo. 32b. **Letter to the President and Council in the North.**

14 December 8 Elizabeth (1565).

To the most reverend Father in God Thomas by the grace of God Lord Archebishop of Yorke and L. President of the Quenes majestie's honorable Consell in the North parts and to the rest of the same Consell.

Pleaseth it your good grace to be advertised that by virtue of the Quenes majesties lettres of Comission yeven under her gracs signet at hir highnes Citie of York to us the Mayour and Aldermen of the Citie of Yorke addressed ; we dyvidyng ourselves into severall places of the same Citie and Aynstie at tenne of the clocke of the ixth day of December have diligently made pryvay serche for all maner of suspect ryotours and vacabunds and namely of the felons noted in a shedule within the sayd Commission inclosed, as well within the sayd Citie as in dyverse townes and villages of the Aynstie where we thought metest ; and generally fonde all in good ordre and quyetnes except onely certayne light and evyll disposed women and loyterars or vacabunds taken in our said serche, whome we have allready comytted to ward and further accordyng to the Queenes majesties lawes ; and alsoo that one Thomas Salisbury dwellyng as he sayeth in the paroche of Llan Rost in Denbighshire, and Hoplyn Davye his servant, who as yt semyth by their examinacons have contynued within this Citie apou lyght occasion abowt theis three wekes last past, and therfore are yet forth commyng to be further ordered accordyng to your gracs pleasure.

fo. 34. **Reward to the Town Clerk.**

11 January 8 Elizabeth (1565). *Present*—John Bean, Mayor, 9 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 10 of the xxiv.

Aggreed that Thomas Fale, Common Clerke, for his extrordynary peynes in wryghtyng of the general muster, assesment of briggs and certificats to London etc. shall have in reward of the Chamber xx^s. And John Clerke for his peynes and diligens in wryghtyng and kepyng the books of reckonyng of the brig etc. shall lykewise have in reward x^s.

Item it is further agreed that half a skore of pumps shall be made in a readynes stoured for reparacon of the brige this yere to come.

fo. 36b. **Requests of York Citizens.**

To our ryght honorable the Lorde Mayore and his brethern the Aldermen of this Cittie.

May it please your honor that where there is an olde act or ordynaunce mayde that yf any freman of this Cyttye do sewe another freman of the same Cyttye in any foreigne courte, but only before the Mayore and Shereffs of the saide Citie, he shall

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forfett and pay to the Chambers use of this Citie for everye suche diffalt xl^s, we dessyre your honor that it please youe that the said ordinans frome hence forth may be putt in dewe and straightt executyon.

And also we dessyer of youre honor that it may be inacktyd or an order maide that if any freman of this Citie do commytt, procure, ayde or wyllinglye suffer or sewe any accyon or suetts in the Admirall courts for any trespas comytted or done in or upon the watter of Owse within the presynks of the said Cytty, that is to say, betwyxt Bamkton Well¹ of the southe syde of the Cyttye and the Fleatt brydge² on the northe syde of the Cyttye for that so farre of the same ryver is parcell of the corporatyon of the said Cyttye, as dothe apere by recorde, that all men so offendynge may suffer the lyke paine and executyon of fyne as affore, and that the Maiore for that tyme beyng shall levye the saide fyne or have the parttye so offendyng in pryson for nott paying the saide fyne and yf the Mayore do necklete the same offenses then the xl^s to be deducte of his fee.

And where the olde tyme haith bene accustomed and usyd that if any free Cyttezyne of this Citie do owyng dett to any man and do promyse payment therof at such days as the partye plaintyve and he dothe fullye agree of, and the same beyng entryde before the Mayore it shulbe to hym as a condempnacyon, and if he do nott kepe his day so promysed it may be also agreed that the Mayore for that tyme beyng shall put hym in pryson tyll he pay the dett accordynglye.

And also we dessyre that the Maiore of this Citie may ryde the bownders of the Citie once in a yere as hathe bene acostomyd in tymes past for that we may knowe our lybertyes and loose no part of our ryght that is dewe to the Cyttye³.

fo. 38.

Poor Relief. St. Anthony's Hall.

8 February 8 Elizabeth (1565-6). *Present*—William Watson, Mayor, 10 Aldermen, 10 of the xxiv.

Aggreed that for avoydyng and punishment of vacabunds and good ordre and releaf of the poor, aged and impotent within this Citie, on monday next the wardens of this Citie, every of theym within their ward, shall assemble suche of the xxiiij as be resident there at the places accustomed at ix of the cloke before none for the purpose above sayd; and that in the meane tyme warnyngs to be gyven in my L. Mayor name to the constables of every paroch

¹ Bamkton Well or Bampton Well was on the west bank of the Ouse below the present Skeldergate Bridge.

² Fleatt brydge or Flete bridge was on the west bank of the river near the present York Waterworks.

³ These requests were confirmed and ratified at a meeting of the Council on March 13.

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of this Cite to make billes fayre wrytten of the names not onely of all and every suche impotent, aged and poore folke and of the ydle and vagrant persones within every their offices, but also of all and every the howseholders as well, rych as poore. And further to note which of the sayd poor folke or ydle persones have come to dwell here within the space of three yeres last past, and whoo is their landelords or lodgers. Fynally to bryng all and every the sayd poor, aged and impotent person to be viewed and allowed to have relefe by discrecon of my Lord Mayor and his Bredren.

Furthermore the sayd wardens to certifie their doyns herin on fryday next, in this Chamber, to thentent a good way and ordre may be further taken by advyse of my Lord Mayor and Aldermen in the premisses accordyng to the Quenes majesties lawes and statuts in suche case provided.

(fo. 38b). For the avoydyng of a certayne superfluous chardgs and expenses yerely made at St. Anthony hospitall it is nowe ordred that frome hensforth ther shall be no offeryng dayes in the chapell¹ there latly accustomed. And that for the bettar maynteynauncs of the poor and reparacons of the hous every occupacon of the Citie shall be assessed somewhat hyghar than they used to pay by discrecon of my L. Mayour and his Brtheren apon sight of tholde bille.

And that at the great dynar there accustomed every third yere, from hensforth every Alderman shall pay xvjd^a a pece, every of the xxiiij xij^d a pece, and all other viij^d for man and wife, and that the Maister and Bretherne do make such provyson for the sayd dynar that their sayd receipts may fully dyscharge the expenses therof or ells they to bear it of their owne purse.

fo. 39.

Assessments for Poor Relief.

15 February 8 Elizabeth (1565-6). *Present*—William Watson, Mayor, 8 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 7 of the xxiv.

For the bettar ordre and releif of the poor of this Citie and avoydyng of vacabands forth of the same ; it is nowe agreed that towards the fyndyng of the nedy, impotent and aged of this Citie, every Alderman of the same shall paye weekly viij^d at the least, every of the xxiiij vj^d, all such as are or hath ben Chamberlaynes iiij^d, and Brigmaster iij^d.

And that every other the inhabitants within the said Citie and suburbs of the same to be ratably assessed by thabovesayd every of theym within their owne paroche and accordyng to their habilitie ; and to certifie their sayd doyns herin unto my Lord Mayour before Tewysday next commyng to thentent dewe execution may be further had in this behalf accordyng to the statute.

¹ The Chapel has now disappeared except for the entrance doorway.

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fo. 40.

22 February 8 Elizabeth (1565-6). *Present*—William Watson, Mayor, 5 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 4 of the xxiv.

Now was perused the billes of the poor of every ward of this Citie allowed to have releife with the peculiar sommes whiche every of theym shall receyve wekely as by a book of the nombre and totall somes of every paroche and ward may appere. The peculiar billes of every paroche was delyvered to the wardens for gathering accordingly.

And it is aggreed that commandement shalbe gyven by the wardens in my Lord Mayor name to the constables of every parroche diligently to collect accordyng to this assessment. And to begyne on sonday next. Distributyng forthwith to the poore by syght of the wardens.

Aggreed that suche releif as shalbe gyven by my L. Archebishop and Maisters of the Mynster for the poor shall be fully distributed in the wardes of Myklyth and Monk ward ratably as they shall want.

fo. 42.**Makers of Hose.**

19 March 8 Elizabeth (1565-6). *Present*—William Watson, Mayor, William Tancred, Recorder, 6 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 8 of the xxiv.

For the bettar execucon of the proclamacon ageynst great hoses, long rapiers, it is aggreed that first the serchers of taylors and hosyers shall bryng in the names of all suche as makyn hoses within this Citie, to be bound accordyng to the proclamacon.

fo. 43b.**Design of the Repaired Ouse Bridge.**

9 April 8 Elizabeth (1566). *Present*—William Watson, Mayor, 4 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 5 of the xxiv.

It is nowe thought requysite that provision of lyme and stone shall be made with as convenyent spede as may be; and alsoo the Commons to be called to meet in the Common Hall and to be moved to theym for their advyse and consent of the makyng of one bowe as it is thought best or otherwise.

fo. 44.**Ouse Bridge Repair Scheme Started.**

10 April 8 Elizabeth (1566). *Present*—William Watson, Mayor, 5 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 8 of the xxiv.

Assembled in the Common Hall of the Citie with the most part of the Common Consell for ordre of reparation to be made this yere upon Ousebrig, when and where it was thought best and fully aggreed with one assent that with all goodly spede the sayd work shall be sett upon with masons and carpentars. And by their best advyse made up in one bowe accordyng as by consell

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of the most expert and politik men it is thought most expedient, ready, suerest and cheapest ; provyded allwayes that if by further occasion and foresight therof of the sayd Lord Mayour and worshipfull [Aldermen] it shalbe perceyved bettar any other ways or forme, than it to be referred to their discrecon with further consent to be had of sayd Common Consell.

Item it ys aggreed that freestones ready scapled and squared by advise of the masons and lyme shalbe bought towards the sayd works of William Oldred, that is to say, the sayd stone after iijs the tonne and lyme after vs the chalder, and soo to be undylayedly delyvered by the said Oldred at York stathe of his proper costs and chardges by further discrecon and ordre of my Lord Mayour and Chamberleyne. And the sayd Oldred nowe alsoo present did willyngly for his part agree unto the same.

Item that a conyng and expert carpentar for makyng a centrele towards the sayd reparacon and bowe shall be taken by advyse of the mason that shall take the chardge of the sayd work.

And that imedyatly alle maner of necessary stuff and provision shalbe maid for the bettar furtherans of the sayd work and all other thyngs requysite by discrecon of my sayd Lord Mayor and Aldermen.

fo. 44b.

Craftsmen of Ouse Bridge.

24 April 8 Elizabeth (1566). *Present*—William Watson, Mayor, 7 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 7 of the xxiv.

Agreyd that John Todd, carpentar, who hath taken uppon hym to make the centrell of tymber for the masons to sett the arche uppon for the stone brige uppon Owse shall have paid by the Chamberlens towards paynes taken therin xl^s over and besyds his daytale waigs yf it do appere that he deserveth the same or ells to be allowyd in his waigs ; and when his worke is well fynysshed then he to be rewarded accordyngly.

It is also agreyd that Christofer Walmesley, free mason, shall be bound with good surtys, that is to say, thre besyds hymself for the sure makyng of the said arche at Owsebrige accordyng to his promis. And the sayd Walmesley shall have every weke for his waigs vjs viiiij^d and one other mason also that he shall name to have vjs viiiij^d a weke and the reist of the masons to have wekly vs viiiij^d.

It is also agreyd that the Counsell Chamber uppon Ousebrige shall be taken down with all speyd convenyent and the selleryng therof to be sett up in the Chappell.

fo. 45

The Master Mason's Sureties.

Money to be Collected At Once.

2 May 8 Elizabeth (1566). *Present*—William Watson, Mayor, 6 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 6 of the xxiv.

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Christopher Walmesley, mason, whoo hath taken apon hym the makynge up of Ousebrige with one arche shall be bound with twoo gentlemen sufficient and hable by discrecon of my Lord Mayour for trewe sufficient and for reedifieng of the same accordyngly.

Item that billettis shall be forthwith gyven forth for spedy gatheryng of the third payment of thassessment towards reedifieng of Ousebrig of thenhabitants of this Citie and suburbes as was rated the last yere and to be brought into the Chamber before Pentecost next, without further dylay.

fo. 45b.

Stone for the Bridge.

Conditional Reward for the Mason.

13 May 8 Elizabeth (1566). *Present*—William Watson, Mayor, William Tancred, Recorder, 6 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 5 of the xxiv.

It was thought mete that the mansion hows called Saynt George Chapell nigh the Castell Mylnes shalbe taken downe and all the free stone of the same to serve towards present reparacon of Ousebrig; and all the resydew of tyle, tymbre and stuff therof to be husbanded by the Chamberleyens to the most profit of the Cite.

And nowe alsoo was redd the draft of an obligacon with condicon wherby Walmesley with twoo collatrell surties is to be bound for the suer and perfit makynge and fynishyng of Ousebrig as by the sayd condicon may more at large appear, wherunto the sayd Walmesley now present did frankly agree.

And it is nowe further agreed that the sayd Walmesley shall have after the centrell taken from his work if the arche doo stand suer and substaunciall accordyng to his promyse and bond in reward of the Chamber xx^{li}.

fo. 46. 31 May 8 Elizabeth (1566). *Present*—William Watson, Mayor, 8 Aldermen, 4 of the xxiv.

As towchyng suerties for Walmesley, cheif mason of Ousebrige, it is thought good and agreed that Walmesley shall send word to theym to be here to seale their obligacon lyke as Walmesley hath all ready done, at this next syttyng.

fo. 46b.

A Schoolmaster's Salary.

7 June 8 Elizabeth (1566).

It was fully agreed that John Fletchar¹, skolemaister of the high scole, apon his good behavior and dyligence shall have payd hym yerely at Mychelmes and the Annunciacon equally fyve pounds fyve shillyngs forth of the Chamber during the pleasure of my Lord Mayor and his Bredren.

¹ John Fletcher was master of the school founded by Archbishop Holgate. See *York Civic Records*, vol. V, p. 71.

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fo. 47.

Council Chamber on Ouse Bridge.

17 June 8 Elizabeth (1566). *Present*—William Watson Mayor, 8 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 8 of the xxiv.

Aggreed that the Consell Chambre newly made¹ shall be spedely paynted with white and greene panes oyled with the Quenes majesties armes, the princes armes and Citie armes at the higher end; and the paynter doying the same conyngly and sufficiently as it ought to be to have therfor of the Chambre xxx^s soo soone as he hath fynished the same.

Item that serche shall be made by discrecon of my Lord Mayour with advise of a mason in every mans howsez and garthes within this Citie if any frestones mete for the brig can be funde.

fo. 47b.

New Ordinances.

12 July 8 Elizabeth (1566) *Present*—William Watson, Mayor, 5 Aldermen, 2 of the xxiv.

Aggreed that noe maner of persone within this Citie shall from hensforth occupie within the Citie as an upholster, but such only as shalbe admytted by the Lord Mayour and his Bredren; and that no hukstar or other person shall bryng butter, eggs, chease or other vitail to be sold in any place of this Citie other than in ther shopps, and that withowt forstallyng or regratyng upon peyn of forfaytur; and the bellman to gyve warnyng of the sayd ordynauncs.

fo. 48.

City Common Land. Stone for Ouse Bridge.

23 July 8 Elizabeth (1566). *Present*—William Watson Mayor, 7 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 7 of the xxiv.

Aggreed that no man shall putt in any catill into the None yngs² before the common hyrd come with the towne kye upon payne of impyndyng. And that the said common hyrd may entre with the said kye as soone as the haye be had awaye accordyng to custome.

Item that Richard Dyconson shall have in hande payd in part of recompense for his peynes taken and to be taken in gettyng of waynes in the Aynsty for cariage of stone from Tadcaster querries to Use brig vjs viij^d to be payd hym by the Chambrereynes.

Item consideryng the great skarsite and present nede of stone towards Ouse brig it is further thought good that my L. Mayour with certayne of his Bredern shall undylaydly resort to my Lord Archbishops grace and to desyer hym for some stone eyther at St. Maries or at his owne late palas towards reparyng of Ouse brig.

¹ The Council Chamber was almost certainly damaged when the centre arch of Ouse Bridge fell, but Meetings of the Council are noted as being held there continuously, so the term "newly made" must mean something less than reconstruction.

² None yngs; Nun ings. Land which had formally belonged to the Nunnery of St. Clement, near to the river Ouse.

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An Armourer Disenfranchised.**Stone for Ouse Bridge. Free Bakers.**

30 July 8 Elizabeth (1566). *Present*—William Watson Mayor, 7 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 6 of the xxiv.

Aggreed that John Tayle, armorar, for suche his disobedience and rebellious language and behaviour not onely ageynst certayne thaldermen, Justics of peax, but alsoo ageynst the Lord Mayour hymself shall besyds the nyght imprisonment that he hath all ready suffred be immediatly disenfranchised and not from hensforth open any shop nor occupie as a franchised man within this Citie or suburbs.

Item where as in the Old Bail there is a part of one inner tower called the Biche Doughter tower already shronken from the Citie wall, and may be well taken away withowte enfeblyng or greatly defacyng of the sayd wall it is therfor thought needfull to take downe the sayd broken tower, and the stones therof comyng, to be caryed and converted towards repayryng of Ouse brig whiche doth presently want stones mete for the first band.

And for soo moche as the sayd Aldermen, Shereffs and Consell in absens of the sayd L. Mayour did considre that through the takyng downe and cariage away of the sayd tower and stones the grasse of the sayd Old [Bayl] shold be moche destroyed and for the tyme ligh open, therfor for some recompense therof and to have the sayd L. Mayour more willyng to lett the sayd tower to be caried and to lett the workfolk to have free passage and easment of the sayd Old Bayll, wherof he is tenant by lease under the seale of office, he shall have the same leas renewed for xxj yeres under the common seale, whan he shall see tyme convenyent after his mayoraltie to requyre the same.

(fo. 49). Item it is further aggreed that the parochians of Trynytie parоче in Myklegate shall have payd theym for suche stones as have ben taken to Owsbrig of their defaced walls fyve marks towards thamendyng and mayntynaunce of ther parоче cherch, wherunto Petre Hindelesse, Thomas Waller, Robert Harper, Thomas Mason and certayne others of the cherchwardens and honest parochians beyng here nowe present did thankfully accept and aggree unto.

More over the day and yere above sayd at the humble request of Lancelot Wyllyamson, Nicolas Clerk and William Wilsone, serchars of the mysterie of free bakers of this Citie and good men of the same craft, it was ordeyned by the sayd worshipfull presens with consent of the sayd occupacon that for the betar quyetnes, honesty and profit of the sayd craft, the serchars of the seyde mystery for the tyme beyng with advyse of the most discret of thoccupacion shall have from tyme to tyme thordre and punyshment and fynes of thoffendars ageynst certayne articles of their ordynauncs herunder

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wrytten and specified, yeldyng and payeng yerely to the Chambrelaynes of this Cite to the common use tenne shillyngs at Martynmas and Pentecost equally; provided allways that if any negligens, dissension, mysordre or dowbt shall at any tyme arise or happen by reason of the premisses emongs the sayd occupacon, then the Lord Mayour for the tyme beyng to have the correction, ordre and redresse thereof accordyng to his good discrecon, this sayd aggrement in any wise notwithstanding.

Fyrst if any of thoccupation beyng lawfully warned by their serchars to come to their assembles in their common place accustomed for good ordre of thoccupation doo make defalt he to forfayt xx^d.

Item if any of the sayd craft be disobedyent or of mysbehaviour ageynst their serchars for the tyme beyng at their assembles or ells where makyng their serche or executyng their office to forfayte xx^d.

(fo. 49b). Item if any of the sayd craft shall happen to brawle or revile an other at any their assembles in the common place to forfayte xij^d.

Item if any person of the sayd occupation shall chause not to use hymself quyetyly at the Crosse¹ withowte any mysordre to forfayt xx^d.

Item if any of the sayd craft of free bakers shall goe hawkyng with their bread eyther in the Citie or suburbs to forfayt xx^d.

Item if any of the sayd occupation of freebakers shall entyse the apprentice of any other free baker from hym or sett any others apprentice aworke withowt lycens of the serchars and aggrement of the maister of the sayd apprentice to forfayte iijs iiij^d.

Item if any of the sayd craft shall take or kepe in his hows any suche apprentice of the sayd occupation as his maister hath putt away to forfayte vjs viij^d.

fo. 53. **One of York's M.P.'s to attend Parliament.**

17 September 8 Elizabeth (1566). *Present*—William Watson, Mayor, William Tancred, Recorder, 9 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 6 of the xxiv.

It was thought good that Maister Rauf Hall, one of the Burgesses of this Parliament, shall onely goo up for this Citie, and the right worshipfull Maister William Watson for that that he is presently Mayour and hath chardge under the Quene of this wholl Citie shall therfor remayne at home; and if it shall chause hym for his none apparens at the sayd Parliament to be fyned than it is to be borne of the Citie chardgs.

And further it is nowe agreed that the sayd Maister Rauf Hall, thother Burgesse, shall have paid hym by the Chamberlaynes at his goyng upward towards his dyetz and chardgs in and abowt

¹ At the Crosse; in the Market.

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the sayd Parliament tenne ponds in his purse ; and for this tyme and not herafter to be taken for any presidents, to have lykewise payd hym immediatly xx^s for his twoo mens lyveraies ; and the sayd Maister Hall to be allowed for his sayd chardgs and dietts after vjs viij^d for fyne, his servaunts and horse lyke as he had at the last tyme.

And if he shall further nede of moar money than he to send downe word and it to be spedely conveyed to hym.

fo. 54.

Instructions to the M.P.

22 September 8 Elizabeth (1566). *Present*—William Watson, Mayor, 11 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 11 of the xxiv.

Was redd certayne instructions to be delyvered to Maister Rauf Hall, Alderman, Citizen of the Parliament, to be sewed duryng this next sitting, anno 1566, for the weale and common quyet of this Cite of Yorke.

First at the request of dyverse honest Citizens that it may be provyded and enacted that none of the purveyorz, badgers or carriars authorised for common provision of grayne or vitall for the Citie of York, wheresoever the sayd grayne or vitall chanse to be bought, shall frome hensforth be sewed in any of the Queenes Courts, but onely within this Cite before the Mayour and Aldermen of the same by ordre of the lawes of this realme.

And like proviso to be made that none of the sayd Citizens, fremen, be trobled by information or otherwise apou any estatute in thexchequer but onely before the Mayour and Sherefs within this Cite.

(fo. 54b). Item that lyke proviso for takyng of apprentices be ordeyned for this Citie as is allredy made for the Cities of London and Norwyshe.

Item that the Mayour and Citizens of York may have in siesin the manors of Drynghousez, Fullforth and Clyfton, and other his gracs lands ; and if ye cannot soo spede than to see if ye can gett the same or any of theym in purchase.

Also serche and seallyng of clothes to be grauntyd to this Cittie like as is now used in Hallyfax.

Item yf it shall chaunce any tax to be grauntyd for to sewe for abaytment for this Citie, lyke as was in Kyng Henry, Edward, Mary and the Queenes majestie that now is.

Item to lerne what further devyse or assurance Maister Bows hath taken concernyng his charrytie ageynst this Citie, and also Alderman Whytes.

Item to advertyse the Lord Treasurer of the present decay of Queenes chantre tenements in Yorke to his losse and great desiryng of this Citie and to see what reasonable white rent the same may be gotten to the Citie use.

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Item to speake with Maister Pryncipall of Cliffords Inne or Maister Brand for our chartour and to cause it to be brought downe by some trustie person.

fo. 55b. **Shops on Ouse Bridge ; protection against the current.**

3 October 8 Elizabeth (1566). *Present*—William Watson, Mayor, 5 Aldermen, 4 of the xxiv.

It was thought that buyldings and shopps of the bryge to be mayd in forme as followeth—

At eyther end of the newe brige thold buyldyngs to be reedified so farr as the olde foundacons of the pyllours and frame therapon shalbe seen to be sure.

Item on bothe syds narro shopps¹ to be mayd so moche as the brige and the way may convenyently spare, and where as it is so narrow that no shopps can be buylded apon, there to be mayd a stone wall with buttres, with further advise of the carpenter and mason.

Item for savegard of the pyllars frome raige of the watters frome hensforth good pyles to be surely dryven on the north sydes of the pillars agaynst the streame in like forme as it is at London so nygh as convenyently may be.

For the stubborne behaviour and disobedyens of Marmaduke Webster to my Lorde Mayour and breache of his franchisesyd othe, it is adjudged that the said Marmaduke shall remayn in ward unto the next assemble that further order may be taken.

fo. 57

Dismissal of the Waits.

The Porters. Rails for the Bridge.

30 October 8 Elizabeth (1566). *Present*—William Watson, Mayor, 8 Aldermen, 4 of the xxiv.

The common wayts of this Citie for their mysdemeanour are dischargd of their office and have personally delyvered in their sylvar collers to the Chambrelaynes and one shalme.

As towchyng the matter in sewte betweene Maister Symson and John Fletcher, scole maister of the high scole, dependyng in the Shirefs court the said sewt is stayed unto Maister Recordar further consell be had therin.

Item it is nowe aggreed that neyther the portars ne laborars shall from hensforth carie any wood or bordds from the stath or lendyng soo long as the sledmen can be ready to serve at reasonable price with their sledds. But at suche tymes as the sledmen are overlayed with other wares soo that they cannot serve the parties in dewe tyme than the portars to helpe to beare wood and kidds ;

¹ These shops and also the piles here mentioned can be seen in Place's drawings of the bridge.

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and no laborars to be in any wise taken before the sledmen or portars if they will lede and carie as good cheape at the laborars will.

Item it is now ordred by the sayd L. Mayour and Aldermen that Maister Robert Pacok, Alderman, for his offenses in breakyng the Queenes peax upon George Hall, merchant, wherof the sayd Maister Pacok standeth indyted shall therfor be commytted to ward to Maister Allyn, Shireff, there to remayne as a prysonar by the spaice of x days ; and than further ordre to be taken for his fyne for the sayd offenses.

Item it is agreed that John Hawton, smyth, shall provide for soo moche yron as will suffice to make to pickes and barrs to be sett upon the newe bridge, and he to be payed for the sayd yron and workyng therof, after xvij^s le hundred ; and if it shall appere the sayd Hawton to be any losar herin than he to be further recompensed by discrecon of my Lord Mayour.

fo. 57b.

Materials of the temporary Bridge.

7 November 8 Elizabeth (1566). *Present*—William Watson, Mayor, 8 Aldermen and 8 of the xxiv.

Agreed that all the tymbre and planks of the wood brig with all convenyent spede shalbe caried into Maister Hykletons garth to thentent that the carpentar may take suche part therof as is mete to serve for the buyldings and shoppes to be made upon Ouse brig ; and than all the resydewe to be sold to the Citie most advantage.

And that the barres and boltes of yron of the sayd wood brig shall be saffly layed up in an hows to be sold alsoo to the Citie most profit.

Item it is nowe agreed that Richard Dyconson shall have the catche that was his with such thyngs to it belongyng as be presently remaynyng by payeng therfor to the Citie use fyve ponds.

And for the resydew of suche the catches as held up the wood brig to be saffly kept upon the water unto suche tyme it may be known whoo wyll gyve most for the common profit. And therapon all they to be sold alsoo accordyngly.

Accordyng to a former agreement all the sayd worshipfull presens are well content that Walmesley the maister mason shall have in reward over and besyds his wages xx^{li} and to be spoken to to be here ageyne the next yere for amendyng the stathe.

Item that Whithead, mason, shall have in reward at his departure xx^s and Walmesley sonne x^s¹.

¹ It is clear from what is said in this entry that the work of rebuilding Ouse Bridge was now wholly completed.

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fo. 58.

New Waits to be appointed.

19 November 9 Elizabeth (1566). *Present*—William Watson, Mayor, 9 Alderman, 6 of the xxiv.

Aggreed that from nowe forth for the worship and decentnesse of this ancient Citie there shalbe contynewally foure waytes and the iiijth wayte to have suche fees and lyverie of the Chambre with cognisans as thother iiij have ben accustomed to have ; and alsoo a newe sylver cheyne aggreable with thother iij cheynes to be made ageynst Christmas by discrecon of my Lord Mayour and delyvered to such of the sayd wayts as his lordship shall seme good. Furthermore that thaccustomed rewards and wages payd yerely to the waytes shall be equally dyvided emongs theym from tyme to tyme ; and that the iiij waytes that nowe be shall apou their good and honest behaviour have and exercise the sayd offices duryng the pleasur of my Lord Mayor and his bredren thaldermen.

fo. 59b.

Purchase of Shalms for the Waits.

4 December 9 Elizabeth (1566). *Present*—William Watson, Mayor, 6 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 9 of the xxiv.

Aggreed that where there ys a noyse of iiij shalmes¹ remaining in Maister Dyneley hands whiche hath at solempne tymes ben used by the waytes within this Citie and nowe are lyke to be sold forth of the same Citie except means be made for steying of the same still within this Citie; it is therfor aggreed that there shall be gyven for the sayd noyse of the Chambre money xl^s and for to be saffly kept to the Citie commoditie.

fo. 60.

Presents; Rewards to Bridge Builders;**The New Shops.**

8 January 9 Elizabeth (1566). *Present*—William Watson, Mayor, 7 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 14 of the xxiv.

Aggreed that Sir Thomas Gargrave, knight, in consideracon of his great frendship, good consell and helpyng in the Citie affaires dyverse wayes shall have gyven hym of the Chambre chardges twoo hoggishedes of wyne.

And that Maister Recordar alsoo for his great peynes and consell as well in the matter of our liberties of the forest as otherwise extraordynarely shall have likewise other twoo hoggisheades of wyne.

Item that John Todde, maister carpentar, shall have in consideracon of his diligent peynes and study in makyng of the wood brig over Ouse and centre of the newe great bowe of the Chambre in reward xx^{li}.

¹ "a noyse of iiij shalmes"; "a noyse" is a set of 4 shalms, sufficient for a company of musicians.

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Item that John Clerk to have for his dilygent peynes taken this yere for wryghtyng of books of reparacons of the stone brig, wood bridge, buildyng of tenements and shopps apon the bridg and sundry other his peynes more than hath ben taken many yeres heretofore xxvj^s viij^d.

(fo. 60b). Moreover the day and yere abovesayd the newe shoppes and howses apon Ousebrig was leaten at ferme as herafter doth ensewe viz.

The first shoppe of the sowth syde and west ende of the bridge is letten to Maister Wilcocks for xiijs iiij^d.

The shoppe next to it of the same syde is letten to James Wilkynson, girdler, for x^s.

The third shoppe of the same syde next the height of bridge is letten to Guy Marshall, glover, for viijs.

The first shoppe next the Chappell of the north syde and west ende of the bridge is letten to Robert Bekwith, goldsmyth, xiijs iiij^d.

The shoppe next to it of the same syde is letten to William Grenup, glover, for x^s.

The third shoppe there next to the height of the brigge is letten to Thomas Bothe, pynnar, for viijs.

The shoppe with a chamber next Andrew Trewes at the north syde and east ende of the bridge is letten to—Robynson, glass sellar, for xx^s.

The shoppe next to it of the same syde is letten to William Wood, capper, for xx^s.

The shoppe with chambre next to it is letten to Reginald Holme, wife, suerty Maister Greisdale, xx^s.

The next shoppe to it there withowte a chambre is letten to ———¹ for ———.

The next shoppe to that of the same syde is lykewise letten to James Hodgeson, glover, for x^s.

The shoppe next the height of the bridge is letten to James Fawcet for viijs.

(fo. 61). The shoppe with a chambre of the sowth syde and east end of the sayd bridge is letten to Maister Greisdale for the yerely rent xx^s.

The shoppe with chambre next to it of the same syde is letten to Robert Fawdynton for xx^s.

The shoppe next to it of the same syde withowte a chambre is letten to Thomas Atkynson, merchant, suerty for the first yere rent, Maister Henryson, x^s.

The shoppe next to the same of the same syde is letten to Raulph Cliveden, glover, for viijs.

The shoppe next to the height of the bridge of the same syde is letten to Raulph Cliveden, glover, for viijs.

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Mem. thall all theis tenants must paye this yere but three quarters firme at Martynmas next bycause they entred at Candlemas.

fo. 62b.

Lead at St. Leonard's.

Parliamentary Expenses.

10 January 9 Elizabeth (1566-7). *Present*—William Watson, Mayor, 8 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 15 of the xxiv.

Aggreed that William Gylmyn, clerk of the Crane, shall have allowed hym in his accompt of his last yere xiiij^s for certayne lead of Maister Copland, Alderman, bought by hym at St. Leonards, for that it was supposed to be strangers lead and was not.

Item that xj^{li} ij^s residew of his dyetts and certayne other costs disbursed duryng this Parliament by Maister Rauf Hall, Citizen of this Citie of the sayd Parliament, shalbe thankfully payd hym by the Chamberlaynes accordyng to his bill of rekonyng therof.

fo. 64b.

Tadcaster Bridge Paving.

Money owing for repairs.

Foundations of the Staith.

15 January 9 Elizabeth (1566-7). *Present*—William Watson, Mayor, 7 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 11 of the xxiv.

Aggreed that soo moche of the pavyng of Tadcaster brig as doo extend unto the County of the Citie of Yorke shall with convenyent spede be paved of the Chamber costs.

Item that Maister Gargrave shall have a note what money is behynd of that xxv^{li} which was by aggreement of the late Commissioners for Tadcaster brig reparyng awarded to be payd by thenhabitants of the west ridding too the use of the Cite of York to thentent that the sayd Maister Gargrave may gett payment therof accordyngly.

Item that word shalbe sent to Walmesly the maister mason to be here on Low Sondy next for reparyng the fundacons of the stath and pillars of Owsebrig.

fo. 68b.

The Election of City Government.

Inquisitors appointed for clothing abuses.

25 February 9 Elizabeth (1566-7). *Present*—Robert Peacock, Mayor, William Tancred, Recorder, 6 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff.

Apon diligent perusyng as well of the auncient register of this Citie as alsoo of the decree of the Kinges Privay Consell concernyng the xxiiij of the Privay Consell of this Citie, by advyse of Maister Recorder with wholl aggreement of the sayd worshipfulls, it was nowe thought necessary and suerty for the honor and common weale of this Citie that accordyng as hath ben of long tyme used the sayd xxiiij shall be chosen of such as have ben Sheriffs of this same Citie and alsoo take their othe of Privay Consell lyke as the Aldermen doo, and thus to be called in and sworne with all con-

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venient spede accordyngly, any ageynst sayeng of the Commons in any wise not withstandyng. And further as towchyng the election of the Mayor, Aldermen and Sheriffs of this Citie it is thought mete it to be used accordyng to the Kyngs Privay Consell decree under the greate seale apon further advise and deliberacon therin.

Also agreed for dewe execucon of the laite proclamacon agaynst monstrouse hoose, the L. Mayour and Sherifs officers and constables and serchers of hosyers and tayllors; and also Rolland Fawsett, Wm. Clayton, Tho. Gybson and William Bowe, inquisitours, therfore appoyntyed, shall be eftsones callyd to serche for the offenders and thence furthwith to bryng before the Maiour and Aldermen to be further punyshyd.

fo. 69b.

Corpus Christi Play.

18 March 9 Elizabeth (1566-7).

Agreed nowe that Corpus Christi play shall be played this yere and billettis made forth with spede accordyngly.

fo. 70

Grant for Poor Relief from the Council in the North.

The Pewterers.

The Vintners.

21 March 9 Elizabeth (1567). *Present*—Robert Peacock, Mayor, 7 Aldermen, 10 of the xxiv.

It was declared openly to the sayd worshipfull presens by my Lord Mayour that the Lord President and Consell had sent unto hym vj^{li} xiiij^s toward releif of the poore of this Citie and further hath promysed to gyve no lesse quarterly soo that they may see suche ordre taken that the poore or vagrant be not wanderyng or openly goyng abrode the Citie beggyng.

Wherapon it is nowe agreed that commandement shall be immediatly gyven to every constable of this Citie to make dewe serche, every of theym within his chardge, of all suche poore folk, idle persones and vacabunds as ar wythin their offices; and therapon to make every of theym billettis of the names of every suche the sayd poore folks and idle persons; and therapon to make their report and certificat of their sayd doyns to every the wardens at ther next assemble for inquirie ageynst eatyng of fleysse, to thentent further order and reformation may be provyded herin by the Lord Mayor and sayd wardens.

And nowe was redd and considred the ordynance of the pewdrars of this Citie; and therapon allowed in all thold ordynauncs of the same craft; and nowe alsoo further ordeyned, with consent of the said occupation, that from hensforth none of the sayd pewdrars shall goe on hawkyng with any their warres belongyng their occupation apon peyne of forfayture xx^s.

Agreed apon presentment to be dewly made by the serchars of vyntenars to my Lord Mayour and Chambrelaynes accordyng to the custome and ordynancs of this Citie against all offenders

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of their occupacon and alsoo ageynst such as have latly of their owne authoritie and withowte licens sold and retailed wyne.

fo. 70b.

Chief Wait appointed.

4 April 9 Elizabeth (1567). *Present*—Robert Peacock, Mayor, William Tancred, Recorder, 7 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 10 of the xxiv.

Apon the humble sewte of Robert Hewet, musician, it is thought that he is a quyet and mete man to be the chief wayte of this Citie takyng to hym such his men or other three whom he thynke most fytt and hable; and soo they apon their good behaviour, conyng and diligens to contynewe at pleasure of my sayd Lord Mayor and Aldiemen.

fo. 72b.

Toll of the Malt Market in Coney Street.

Debt owing to Masons. Pasture rights on Knavesmire.

23 April 9 Elizabeth (1567). *Present*—Robert Peacock, Mayor, 9 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 9 of the xxiv.

Robert Denham of London, goldsmyth, and John Skofeld, of Yorke, stacyoner, that marryed two of the doghters of Maister William Holme, lait Alderman of this Citie, dysseasyd, came personally and dyd humbly submytt themselves to abyde thorder and fynall determynacon for and concernyng all that right, tytle and intereste of the tolne of the malte markett in Cony strete¹; whiche the said Denham and Skofeld demaunds by virtue of a lease therof hertofore mayd in reversion to Maister Holme, Alderman, tyme of Maister Ralf Hall then Mayor and under his seale of offyce, whiche indenture or lease they frely delyvered to my Lord Mayour and cancellyd the same in open Courte; and apon there said submyssion and gentle request of frendshipe herein, these presens dyd fully content and agree that tomorro the Chamberleyns shall pay unto the said Robart Denham vj^{li} xiijs iiij^d and also to hym towards his chardgs frome London and in this Citie xiijs iiij^d, and the said John Skofeld to be payd by the said Chambreleyns before Whytsonday next xiijs iiij^d.

It is also agreyd that John Squyer, mason, shall be payd by the Chambreleyns vjs viij^d towards the dischardge and payment of suche money as the said John Squyer and his fellowe masons doth owe unto Robart Read, blaydsmyth, for layng, mendyng and sharpyng of the axes, chesels and other there tuylls when they wroght of the bridge woorke tyme of Maister Bean, Mayour, whiche said Squyer to dischardge and pay the reiste hymself.

(fo. 73). Item it is agreyd with the consent of the worshipfull Maister Beane, nowe lorde of the maner and lordship of Myddle-

¹ The malt market was held in Coney Street near St. Martin's Church, and was opened by the ringing of a bell called the malt bell. See *York Civic Records*, vol. III, p. 43, and vol. IV, p. 15.

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thorp, that for neighborhede and quyetnes hereafter to be hadd betwixt the Citizens of this Citie of Yorke and thenhabitants of the towne of Myddlethorpe, for and concernyng common, whiche the same inhabytants dothe clame apou the pasture of Knaysmire belongyng to this Citie; that frome hensforth all the husbond holders that dwellyth in Myddlethorp shall be suffered to have and depasture apou the parte of Knaysmire next adjonyng to Myddlethorpe three kyne a pece of there owen proper goods and of none others nor any other maner of cattell, and in like maner the cottagers there to have two kyne a pece and no mo nor other cattell; and that no cattell of Myddlethorpe shall come apou the said pasture before the Citie cattell be broght to the same by the common hyrd, and that the hyrd of Myddlethorp shall dryve there kyne home from the said pasture whan the common hyrd for the Citie bryngeth home there kyne. It is also agreyd that the newe casten dyke mayd there betwixt this Citie and Myddlethorpe shall be upholden and kepte for a knowlege of our bounder of Knaysmyer; and further devise to be mayd by lernyd counsell for the better assurance concernyng the premysses to contynewe for ever.

fo. 74b.

The Safe Keeping of the City Records.

13 May 9 Elizabeth (1567). *Present*—Thomas Appleyard, Mayor, William Tancred, Recorder, 7 Aldermen, 5 of the xxiv.

Aggreed that the Common Clerk at convenyent tyme takyng to hym John Clerke, Ed. Fale, Henry Pullen or suche other as he shall thynke mete shall diligently peruse and serche all maner the records, charters, dedes, compt rolls, old registers and books belongyng to the Citie and remaynyng apou Ousebrige; and the same to sorte and laye up every of theym in order by theymselves in severall boxes and chests or lokkars by the good discrecon of the sayd Common Clerke; and as nede shall requyre boxes to be bought for saff keepyng the sayd evydencs accordyngly.

fo. 75

Wage Rates.**Execution of Statutes.**

23 May 9 Elizabeth (1567). *Present*—Robert Peacock, Mayor, 9 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 6 of the xxiv.

Was perused the rate of the wages of artificers servants and laborars appoynted the last yere; and therapon aggreed that lyke rate and certificat shalbe made ageyne this yere as was the last yere except onely that common laborars and artificars, in the last article of the sayd certificat mencioned, shall take from Mychelmas to Easter by the day withowt meat and drynk but iiij^d and with meat and drynke j^d ob.

And nowe alsoo was redd the Queenes majesties lettres of Commission under her great signet dated at York for spedy execucion of sundry necessary statuts in a shedule therunto anexed specified;

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wherapon it was aggreed that every warden within their severall wardes shall on moneday next after Corpus Christi day at ix of the cloke before none assemble theym selfs at the common place accustomed and gyve chardge and take ordre with the constables and ij, iiij or iiiij honest and discrete Citizens of every paroch within their said wardes for dewe execution of every the sayd statuts and proclamacons; and in the meane tyme warnyng to be gyven to every of the sayd constables and discrete men, accordyng to the rate of the paroch, personally to appere and to doo that whiche unto theym shall be enjoyned of the Queenes behalf.

(fo. 76). Articles appoynted to be executed by the Lord Mayour and Justics of Peax within the Citie of York and County of the same as well within the liberties as without.

First that they assemble theym selfs togider and dyvide theymselves unto severall townships, paroches and places, and accordyng to their dyvisions, and they severally in their divisons to see executed the lawes, statuts and orders hereafter recited.

First that in every wapentak, township, paroch and place in that dyvision they appoynt in every paroch or place by their discrecon sex or lesse nombre of honest persones to certifie every xv dayes ones the stat of their paroch or township and the names of suche persones as offend in any of the lawes, statuts or orders under wrytten to the best of their knowledge.

Item that they enquier of suche as offend in spreadyng or tellyng of untrewes, false or slandrouse tales, newes or rumorz.

Item of suche as be loyterars or vacabunds or lyve idlyly havynge not sufficient to maynteyn theym soo to doe.

Item of the dew execucon of the lawes and statuts ageynst vacabunds and valiant beggars and for the relief of the poore.

Item of the dew execucon of the statuts and lawes for artificers, servants and laborars.

Item for the dew execucon of the statuts for high wages.

Item of the dew execucon of the statuts aggeynst false makynge, stretchyng, workyng, tieng and sealyng of wollen clothes.

Item of the dew execucon of the statuts for tannars, coriars¹ and shoemakers.

Item of the dew execucon of the proclamacon for great hose and long weapons.

Item for the dew execucon of the statuts for ale houses, tynkars and pedlars.

Item for the dew execucon of the lawes and statuts for the maynteynaunce of artilery and ageynst unlawful games.²

¹ "coriars"; curriers, who dressed and coloured leather after it had been tanned.

² On folios 76b to 81b are given the names of the persons chosen in each parish.

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fo. 82

River Ouse to be cleansed. Corpus Christi Play.**Sand on the new bridge arch.**

17 June 9 Elizabeth (1567). *Present*—Robert Peacock, Mayor, 5 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 9 of the xxiv.

For the bettar clensyng of the ryvar of Ouse from ramel and stones presently ligheng therin to the great nusanc of the Cite it is nowe agreed that undilayedly there shalbe warned a common day work,¹ begynnyng in the next ward to that which last leaft of ; and overseers to be appoynted.

Aggreed that the pageants of Corpus Christi suche as be not allredy registred shalbe with all convenyent spede fayre wryten by John Clerk in the old register therof viz of vyntenars the arche-triclinus, of thyranmongars, Marie Magd. wasshyng the Lords fete and of the tylars the latter part of the pageant, of the laborars the purificacon of our Lady, and of the cappers, to be examined with the register and reformed.

Item for the suer presevation of the new bowe from dangers of waynes and cariages passyng over it is agreed that first of all the common day workers shall bryng sand and sprede it over the sayd newe bowe of a good thiknes and that no yren bound wayne or waynes with great nailes to be in no wise suffred to passe over it.

fo. 84b.

Reward to the City Mason.**Request for return of toll.**

4 August 9 Elizabeth (1567). *Present*—Robert Peacock, Mayor, 7 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 8 of the xxiv.

In consideracon that Walmeslay, the cheif mason, for amending the decaye of the stathe hath a good space stand workyng in the water in makyng the fundacon therof shall have therfor in reward emongs hym and his servants fourty shillyngs.

Item it is agreed that a gentle lettre shall be made from my Lord Mayor to Syr Marmaduke Constable to request hym frendly to restore to certayne fyshers, freemen of this Citie, their distresses latly taken at Skraengham for tolle ageynst our chartre.

fo. 86b.

Fulford Common Field.

29 August 9 Elizabeth (1567). *Present*—Robert Peacock, Mayor, 6 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 1 of the xxiv.

For soo moche as haverage tyme nowe at hand and that newe troble will eftsoones aryse for the usage of our common in Fulforth fields onless quyet ordre be provyded for ; it is nowe therfor agreed that Maister Harbert, receyvour of St. Maries possessions, to have warnyng and request made to certifie what tyme he can with

¹ A common day work ; members of the commons, i.e. the citizens, were called upon by the wardens of the wards to perform a day's work for the City.

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convenyent spede mete in the sayd Fullforth felds to view common and agree of convenyent lymyt howe farre our Citizens shall have common this yere accordyng to an auncient composition therof made ; and Maister Thomas Appleyard, Maister Watson, Maister Rauf Hall and Maister Gregorie Pacoke, Aldermen, with Maister Recorder if he doo come, and alsoo half a dowzen of discret and auncient Commoners of the sayd ward to be named by the sayd Aldermen, to be assessors to theym and consellyng in the sayd ordre takyng.¹

fo. 88b.

Ouse Bridge Fish Landing.

3 September 9 Elizabeth (1567). *Present*—Robert Peacock, Mayor, 8 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs.

Aggreed that view shalbe made by certayne to be appoynted by my Lord Mayour what part of the bank or lendyng at the north side of theast end of Ousebrig may be spared and what competent way may be reserved for thinhabitants adjoynyng and speially for the fysshmongars to have descent to there boates ; and therapon further order to be taken concernyng a leas or sale to be made to Andrew Trew of soo moche of the sayd bank as may be spared.

fo. 91b.

Tax abatement.

26 September 9 Elizabeth (1567). *Present*—Robert Peacock, Mayor, 7 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 3 of the xxiv.

Aggreed that in consideracon of the great povertie of this Citie one wholl third part of the present payment of the halfe tax shall be abated in thassesment therof ; and soo onely the two parts resydew of the sayd half tax gathred, and thother iiij^d part to be reteyned to thuse of every the sayd Citizens.

fo. 94

Poor people to be taught weaving.

31 October 9 Elizabeth (1567). *Present*—Robert Peacock, Mayor, William Tancred, Recorder, 8 Aldermen, 3 of the xxiv.

For avoydyng of loyteryng and ydlenes of vacabunds and poor folke hable, eyther in lyme or body, to doo any work and for easyar releif of the impotent and very feble poor, it is nowe moved that preparation shalbe made with all convenyent spede for webbyng to be sett up and had within this Citie to thende that all the sayd loyterars, idle persones and vacabunds and alsoo the sayd aged and poore with their children may be sett on worke, every of theym, with that kynde of exercyse that they are most apte for ; and for the bettar expedicon and forthwardnesse herin it is nowe thought expedient and also ordeyned that there be iiij of the best skilled, discrete and most willyng of the xxiiij to be maisters of the sayd works viz. William Brokdyn, Hugh Graves, Edward Wilkok and

¹ See *York Civic Records*, vol. I, p. 100.

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William Allyn ; and theis iiij to appoynt theym an honest, diligent and wytty man to be their clerk. And further that Saynt Anthonyes shall forthwith be viewed by the sayd iiij masters in what wise the same may be most commodiously transposed and made fytt for this sayd godly purpose and works ; moreover howe and where loomes, stuffe, vitalls and other necessities may be redely provyded for ; and by their good discrecon and pollycies immediatly to practise and put this in execucon ; and of their procedyngs and delings in the premisses to make certificat to my Lord Mayor etc.

Aggreed alsoo that suche the sayd loytarers etc. hable to doo any worke and will not, shalbe used and punnyshed accordyng to the statute of K. Henry the viij in suche wise provided.

fo. 90.

The City enters for a lottery.

25 November 10 Elizabeth (1567). *Present*—Robert Peacock, Mayor, 7 Aldermen.

Aggreed that the xx^{li} to be putt into the lottery for the Mayour and Commonaltie shalbe put in in the name of Maister Gregorie Pacoke, Alderman, to the Citie advauntage and use ; and the posie for the same to be *IN TE, DOMINE, SPERAVI*.¹

fo. 95b.

Presents to Sir Thomas Gargrave and the Recorder.

5 December 10 Elizabeth (1567). Robert Peacock, the Mayor, being sick, is not present. *Present*—John Bean, *locum tenens*, 4 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 7 of the xxiv.

Aggreed that Sir Thomas Gargrave, knyght, in consideracon of the great frendship, good consell and help, that he hath done and been in all the Citie affayres, sundry wise, shall have gyven hym of the Chambre chardgs twoo hoggisheads of claret wyne.

And lykewise that Maister Recordar for his extraordynarie peynes this yere shall have gyven hym one hoggished.

fo. 96

The Twenty-Four to wear Crimson Gowns at Meetings.

Their rights and duties.

16 December 10 Elizabeth (1567). *Present*—Robert Peacock, Mayor, 8 Aldermen, 9 of the xxiv.

Aggreed by the Lord [Mayor] and Aldermen nowe assembled that where certayne of the xxiiij on the first day of the Shereffs did not come thither in their crymson gownes, accordyng to the comandement to theym gyven frome the Lord Mayour, contrary the laudable usage and ordynauncs of this Citie, yet nowe apou the humble submission of the sayd xxiiij soo offendyng the sayd Lord Mayor and Aldermen are content for this tyme that they be fully remytted of their fyne for their sayd disobedyence.

¹ This was the first State Lottery in England. The printed prospectus can be seen in *Lotteries in England*, by John Ashton, 1893, pp. 4-16. It was not drawn until 1569.

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It is nowe further agreed that for good order and quyettesse hereafter to be had at the election of the Mayour, Aldermen and Shireffs of this Citie, as towchyng the xxiiij of the Privay Consell, they, accordyng to the laudable usage of this said Citie, shall from tyme to tyme be warned to come not onely to the assemblez of the Lord Mayour, Aldermen and Shireffs in the Consell Chambre but alsoo to the usuall elections of the sayd Mayour, Aldermen and Shireffs than and there to be assistant and gyve their good advysez and consell to the sayd Mayour for the tyme beyng accordyng as they ought and have ben accustomed ; and at every suche the said assembles to come in suche their decent apparell as shalbe to theym from tyme to tyme appoynted by the Lord Mayour. But as concernyng gyvyng of any ther voyces in chosyng of the sayd Mayour, Aldermen and Shireffs, seeing that by the opynion as well of the right worshipfull Sir Thomas Gargrave, knight, as of Maister William Tankard, esquier, Recordar of this Citie, the sayd xxiiij ought not by the charter or decree of the Kyngs Pryvay Consell gyve any voyce to the sayd election, the sayd Lord Mayour with consent of the sayd worshypfull will that the sayd xxiiij forbear gyvyng any of their said voyces unto suche tyme that further advise and other ordre be taken therin.

fo. 97

Bakers' Wives.**A Christening Cup for the Archbishop's child.**

30 December 10 Elizabeth (1567). *Present*—Robert Peacock, Mayor, 10 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 1 of the xxiv.

For the bettar order emong the bakers to be from hensforth kept it is agreed that no bakers wife of this Citie come into the corne market upon the market day to buye any maner of corne as wheat, rie or beanes onlesse hir husband be syke or forth of this Citie soo that at noo tyme there be above one of a hows of any of the said bakers in the markett to buye any corne upon peyne to forfeyt xx^d.

Mem. that where it hath pleased God to sende unto the most reverend father in God, Thomas Archbisshope of York and Lord President of the Queenes majesties honorable Consell establisshed in theis North parties, issue, a sonne legitimat by his espoused wife, now the Lord Mayour hath declared unto this worshipfull presens howe the sayd most reverend father by his suffragane hath signified unto hym of the speciall affection and good will his grace beareth unto this Citie, and upon hope that it wilbe a good occasion of the moore perfecte amytie and love to contynew and encrease betwene his Grace of thone partie and the Mayour, Aldermen and wholl Commonaltie of thother partie, did desyer the said L. Mayour that with the frendly consent of his worshipfull brethern thaldermen, he wold vouchesaff joyntly with other honorable personages to

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helpe his sayd child to christendom, whiche myssage the sayd L. Mayour takyng very thankfully did answer that he wold make all his sayd bretherene thaldermen pryvay therunto. And nowe the same L. Mayour craved of thes worshipfull their good furtherans and consent herin, whoo all takyng the sayd L. Archebisshop request in very good part, did wisshe the sayd L. Mayour in all their names to rendre to his Grace most hartie thanks for his sayd soo gentle and lovyng an offre and that most willyngly at his Gracs pleasure he wold accomplish the same. Moreover the sayd presens consideryng it to be not onely for the honour of this Citie, but alsoo a good occasion to have his Grace the more favorable and helpyng in all the Citie lawfull affaires, have therfor with their full consent agreed that the L. Mayour, in name of hymself and his sayd worshipfull Bredrene, shall gyve unto the child at the said christenyng one standyng kupp with a kover duple gilt *pond* xxviiij oz. price ix^{li}, and twenty old angells over and besyds, x^s to the midwif and x^s to the norice; and all this to be borne of the Chambre chargs.

*fo. 98***Tax relief.**

19 January 10 Elizabeth (1567-8). *Present*—Robert Peacock, Mayor, 10 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 7 of the xxiv.

Agreed that the warrant under the Queenes pryvay seale for hir free gyft of lⁱ towards releif of the Citie forth of the taxe of this Citie shold be delyvered to thands of Ric. Aynley, one of the collectors of the sayd tax, to have it ready in the exchequer for this allowans in his accompt of the one half of the sayd tax; and to see it to be forth comyng alsoo for lyke allowans for thother half in the next payment.

*fo. 103.***Election of New Mayor. Petitions presented.**

Feast of St. Blaise 3 February 10 Elizabeth (1567-8). *Present*—William Coupland, Mayor, 10 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 10 of the xxiv.

Assemblyd in the Common Hall of this Citie. After proclamacon mayd the serchers roll was redd. The old Maiour dyd take his leyf of the Commons there present. The newe Mayour satt downe and tuk his othe accustomyd. Then the Aldermen, the xxiiij, the Maior clerk, the Mace berer and sword berer, and thother officers to the Maice tuke there severall othes accustomyd. And then the Commons tuke there accustomyd othe.

Also the same day was exhibytyd certen bills or supplicacons to the presens above said viz. one by the bakers of this Citie, a nother by the fyshmongars, and a nother request mayd by the Common Consell concernyng suche as hath not beyn vij yeres apprentices in this Citie, nor estrangars shall not be franchisesyd for lesse some

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than x^{li}, unto whiche bills and request day was taken by these presens unto a tyme convenyent before Fastmes¹ next to be aunsweryd unto.

fo. 104 **Conditions of Franchise. Freemen to live in the City.**

The Creed Play.

13 February 10 Elizabeth (1567-8). *Present*—William Coupland, Mayor, 10 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 8 of the xxiv.

Apon request made on Saynt Blasyday by the Common Consell that no strangers shold be made freemen of the Citie for lesse somme than x^{li}, it was now agreed that no man or suche as hath not ben seven yeres apprentice within this Citie of what sciens, mysterie, craft or occupation soo ever he be shall from hensforth be admytted or made freeman of this Citie, but he paye in hand fyve marks at the least for his franchises sylver or moare by discrecon of the Lord Mayour for the tyme beyng and his bredren thaldermen ; except onely some such handy craftys man as shall be thought by the sayd Lord Mayour and his Consell necessarie and profitable for the common weale and amendement of the sayd Citie to be somewhat mytigated of ther sayd franchises money ; provided allwayes that no maner of forynar gyven to idelnesse or ease and havynge no sciens, craft or occupacon to lyve apon shall from now forth be admitted to be a freeman of this Citie except it be by speciall consideracon.

And it is nowe agreed that Master George Hall, Master William Drewe and suche other franchised men of this Citie as doo nowe make there abode with their wife and famylie in the contray forth of this Citie shall have warnyng gyven theym in my Lord Mayour name to come in on friday in clensyng week next comyng and shew cause reasonable, if they can, whie they doo not inhabit within this Citie, ready to bere offices and other common chardges in the same lyke as by their franchised oath they ought to doo.

(*fo.* 104b). Alsoo it was agreed that in steade of Corpus Christi play this yere the Crede playe shalbe played and the same to be provided for and brought forth by thoversight and ordre of the Chamberleynes. And first the original or regester of the sayd Crede play to be goton of the master and brethren of St. Thomas hospitall whoo have the custody therof.

And after expert and mete players found owte for the comyng handlyng of the sayd playe, than every of theym to have their parts fair wrytten and delyvered theym soo that they may have leysure to kunne every one his part ; and the sayd Chamberlaynes further to see all the maner the pageants playeng geare and necessarie to be provided in a readynes ; and as occasion shall requyre to aske advise and ayde about the same.

¹ Fastmes; Shrove Tuesday.

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Item it is further agreed that all suche the crafts and occupations of this Citie as are chardged with bryngyng forth of the pageants of Corpus Christi shall gather every of theym their accustomed pageant money and pay it to the Chamberlaynes hands towards the chardgs for bryngyng forth the sayd Crede playe; and warnyng to be gyven to every of theym accordyngly.

fo. 106b.

The Dean of York and the Creed Play.

Petition of the Vintners.

30 March 10 Elizabeth (1568). *Present*—William Coupland, Mayor, William Tancred, Recorder, 8 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 8 of the xxiv.

Apon a letter¹ sent by Master Hutton, Dean of the Cathedrall Church of Yorke, unto my L. Mayour and his Brethren, it apperith that by his advise and counsell the Creyd play is not meet to be played for that, he sayth, many thyngs therin that he cannot allowe bycause they be dysagreying from the senceritie of the gospell and for other causes as by the said letter it dothe also appere.

It is therfor agreyd to have no play this yere and the books of the Creyd play to be delyveryd in agayn.

Also there was a supplicacon putt in by Rychard Ayneley and Peter Pullayn, serchers of the vynteners, for and in the name of all others the fremen of the said occupacion, beyng fre accordyng to the ordre contenyd in the ordynary of the same occupacion, agaynst certen persons of this Citie beyng indictyd and presentyd for there disorderyd doyns, for reformacon to be hadd therin, accordyng to the trewe meanyng of a statute mayd in that behalf, and that the said supplyants myght have and use there said mystery and occupacon to them selfs, accordyng to the ordynary of the said occupacon of vynteners, as in that supplicacon more at large it dothe appere. Wherappon it was agreyd that order to be taken herin as counsell shall devyse hereafter.

fo. 105b.

Item that none of the eyght persons hertofore lycensyd under the Common Seall to retale wynes dyd bryng in any there said lycens, but onely John Myddylton, who appone his gentle submyssion was admyttyd agayn to his licens.

¹ The original letter, faded and partly illegible, is preserved on fo. 106a, he says that "I finde manie thynges that I can not allowe because thy be "disagreeing from the sinceritie of the gospell, the whiche thynges yff they "shuld either be alle together cancelled or altered in to other matter, the wholle "drift of the play shuld be altered and therefor I dare not put my pen unto it "because I want both skill and leasure to amende it."

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fo. 107b.

Dispensation from taking office.**Disobedient Vintners. A Cockpit in York.**

9 April 10 Elizabeth (1568). *Present*—William Coupland, Mayor, William Tancred, Recorder, 11 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 9 of the xxiv.

Appon humble peticon mayd by Master Ralf Hall, Alderman, aither to be dyschargyd of the rome of an Alderman or els to be dyspensyd with all not to be electe Mayour of this Citie for the space of eight yeres next ensewyng, where appon these presens dothe fully agre that the said Mr. Ralf Hall for dyvers consyderacons shalbe sparyd and not to be electe Mayour for the space of eight yeres yf the Commons will agre thereunto and they to be moved theren at there next assembly.

And for as muche as Peter Pullayn and George Hunter, vynteners, refusyd to abyde thorder of these presents for there confederacy with Richard Aynelay and others, there assosyats, vynttenars of this Citie, in there sute mayd at London withoute lycence of my Lord Mayour and his Brethren, shall therefore not be admyttyd nor assignyd to the nombre of viij vynteners in this Citie and are commanded not to utter any wyne by retale hereafter but at there perills.

Also the said presens by there mooste voyces have assignyd Henry May and William Hewetson to be two of the viij persons nomynatyd to kepe taverns and to sell wyne in this Citie accordyng to the statute.

(fo. 108). And also my Lorde Mayour dyd reporte that dyvers worshipfull gentylmen was muche desyerous to have a cokk pytt mayd in this Citie that they myght resorte unto for there pastyme and to spend there money here that they were wont to spend in other places. And these presens consideryng that the same wold be a commoditie to this Citie and occacon to cause muche money to be spent bothe emongs vyttelers and other craftsmen dothe condiscend and agree that there shalbe taken a pece of ground in the lait Frere garth¹ nyghe the Common Hall of the fermour thereof, whiche is thought mooste mete for that purpose and the said pytt to be mayd as shortly as can be aither of the Chambre cost or of some other honeste men as wyll take the same.

fo. 108b.

Corpus Christi Play to be amended.

27 April 10 Elizabeth (1568). *Present*—William Coupland, Mayor, 9 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 8 of the xxiv.

My L. Mayour declaryd that dyvers commoners of this Citie were muche desyerous to have Corpus Cristy play this yere, wherein these presens wold not agree but that the book therof shold be perused and otherwise amendyd before it were playd.

¹ The "lait Frere garth" would be the garden of the Augustine Friars; this garden site is now occupied by the York Post Office.

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fo. 109

The Rich Lottery.

3 May 10 Elizabeth (1568). *Present*—William Coupland, Mayor, 10 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 6 of the xxiv.

Was openly redd certen artycles sent unto my Lord Mayour by Sir Thomas Gargrave, knight, concernynge the furtherance of the paymente towards the ryche lotterye at London, wherappon it was agreyd that the wardens in every there wards shall call before theme ij, iij or moo of the moost honest the parochianours in every paroche in there wards at a place by theme to be appoyntyd and to perswayd theme towards the paymente of the said lottery accordyng to the said artycles of instruccons at suche tyme as they shall thynke convenyent and they to be warnyd by thoffycer of the wardes.

Item that the bayllyfs of thanysty shall geve warnynge in the Quenes majestie name to the gentylmen or to two or thre of the mooste honeste and substancyall men in every towneshipe in thanysty to appere before my Lorde Mayour and Aldermen at the Common Hall uppon fryday nexte at ix of the klokke before none then and there to here certen artycles to theme to be mynystered concernyng the ryche lottery.

Also it is agreyd that Leonard Belt shall take upp with hym to London the sertyfycate for eatynge flesshe in Lent and also the estreats for the subsedy for the Citie and Aynsty with the obligacons for the same and to delyver them unto the Eschequer.

(fo. 109b). Articles to be delyvered to all Mayours, Justics of Peace and Collectours of the Lottereye.

Fyrste to instructe all persons that the Quenes majestie assented to the erection of a ryche lotterye at London accordinge to a carte or book thereof sett furth by her Gracs lettres sygned and sealled with her hande and signett, promysed the same to be duely and truely executed accordinge to the booke and carte thereof without fraude or disceyte.

Also the same ys mente and purposed as well for the gayne and benefyte of many, and litle or no losse to any, for everyone at the moste loseth but iij^d of the grote, and is in possybyllytie to be made enryched, and besids, the benefyte of the money that shall remayne over all the payments and lotts paide and delyvered, ys to be bestowed upon the necessary repaire of havens of your realme and other necessaryes the which her Majestie (yf this devyse should fayle) myght lawfully by subsedye, lone or lyke execucon leavye of the subjects of this realme; for the advoydinge whereof this devyse was invented, the which is not so duely executed, as was loked for, belyke of some dycredyte thereyn, which is thoughte may muche touche her Majestie in honour.

Wherefore it is thoughte mete that every Justice of Peace and others of wourshippe or of good abelytie and your collectours

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appoynted for that purpose should call one or ij honest persons of every towneshippe nyghe unto theme and to perswade them to adventure in the lotterye and to will them amongst their neighbors to collecte money therefore of them accordinge to their abelyties, some more and some lesse, and to bringe the same to the collectours at daies to be by hym appoynted and he to delyver to everye of them for every x^s one byllett, and to declare that the gayne may be devyded emongest them to every one accordinge to his rate. And for the encouragement of the people yt is thought mete that the Justics and gentlemen should themselves lyberally put there money into the lotterye before the people.

It is further to be declared unto theme that her Majestie trustethe her subjects of this realme shuld be as redy to further this her majesties devyse for their owne commodytie, as the subjects of Kinge Phyllypp in Flaunders be to their prynce, and yet for no suche benefyte to them as it is to the subjects here; there is in those parties a lottery of vj hundreth thousand pounds erected synce the Quenes majestie beganne the lottery at London and that lotterye there ys in maner fully accomplished, the some beinge thryse as great as oures and out of that lotterye there shall nothinge so muche quantytie for quantytie come agayne to the subjects or their benefyts as dothe in thys, a greatt parte there goeth to the commodytie of the prynce and herein this there is of the cc thousands to be returned in lotts and payments to the adventurours subjects cxx thousand pound and all the resydue the ordenary charges ys to be bestowed to the onely benefyts of the realme and subjects; wherefore yt is convenyent we should herein well allowe of our Princs doyngs and thynke ourselves moste bounden to her Highnes that thus woulde prevente our chargs otherways; and so every one with good wills to adventure his money gladly to the execucon of this her Majesties devyse for our owne savetye and commodyties.

fo. 110. **Wages. The broken portion of the bridge in the river.**

Legal adviser for the City. Beggars.

11 June 10 Elizabeth (1568). *Present*—William Coupland, Mayor, 8 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 6 of the xxiv.

Aggreed that accordyng to the late Acte of Parliament for rate of wages of artificers and servants etc. certificat for this yere next comyng shalbe made in every poynt and article accordyngly as was the last yere.

And that for the moore suertie of Ousebrig the pillars of the same shall withowt forther dylay be substancally piled and fylled by thadvise of expert and connyng workmen; and lykewise the ryvar of Ouse as the weather will serve be spedely skored by appoyntment of my Lord Mayour.

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Alsoo that it shalbe lawfull for any freeman that willeth to gett up of the stones of the broken brig remaining in Ouse ; and the same soo gotten to take for his labour to his owne use.

For that Mr. Recordar beyng nowe one of the Queenes majesties Consell establissed in theis North parties cannot soo well attend frome tyme to tyme to gyve his consell in the Citie causes as he hath done ; and for that alsoo as well the Lord Mayour and Shireffs of this Citie in their severall courts doo ofte tymes nede thadvise of learned consell ; as alsoo the wholle corporacon before the Queens Consell etc. for the defens and mayntynaunce of the rights and liberties of this Citie ; it is therfor thought right and soo fully aggreed that some discret and learned man in the lawes of this realme shalbe reteyned of consell with this Citie for his good advyse to be had from tyme to tyme as towchyng the premisses ; and he to have for his peynes fyve pounds for to be payed hym yerely at two termes by the Chamberlaines. And nowe Mr. William Byrnand, skilled in the temporall lawe, is thought metest to have the sayd rowme and fee.

Item for the moore spedy setting the ydle and poore folk of this Citie on work accordyng to the late agreement in that behalf, Mr. Crawforth and Mr. Harbert, Aldermen, knowen to be toward men in suche godly procedyngs are nowe chosen and appoynted to be associat to tother iiij for that purpose latly assigned.

(fo. 110b). Furthermore it was aggreed that for the bettar ordre to be had within this Citie as towchyng beggars and vacabunds, the wardens, every of theym within there owne ward, shall with convenyent spede take view of all the ydle poore beggars and to try forth whiche of theym are come to the sayd Citie within iij yeres last past to thentent they may be banished accordyng to the statut ; and suche as they fynde feble, poor, aged and impotent to allow theym to lyve of almes ; and thother mighty and hable to labour to chardge to work and labour for their lyvyng at their perill.

fo. 111. **Legal Adviser made a Freeman of York.**

22 June 10 Elizabeth (1568).

Mr. William Birnand esquier, lawiar, beyng latly reteyned of the Consell of this Citie, was admytted freeman of this Citie and did take the franchised oath accustomed ; and for that he is a very necessary member of the Citie he therfor was released of payment of any franchised sylver ; and also proviso made that the sayd Mr. Byrnand shall not be chardged with any common office of this Citie under the offices of Shireffs, Alderman and Mayour.

fo. 112. **Reported Bequest by the late Archbishop.
Ouse Bridge. Green cloth for the Judge.**

21 July 10 Elizabeth (1568). *Present*—William Coupland, Mayor, 5 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 1 of the xxiv.

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It was declared by the Lord Mayour that the executors of the Lord Archebisshop, deceased,¹ have desyred to knowe howe he and his brederne Aldermen will bestowe the lx^{li} bequested (as it is said) towards releif of the poore of this Citie. It is nowe thought good to advertise the sayd executors that where they are abowte to sett forth the poor idle of this Citie on work by webbyng, that they thynk best to bestowe the said lx^{li} with a greater somme towards setting up and maynteyninge of the sayd webbyng, if the sayd executors be soo pleased and that the will doo beare the same.

Aggreed that Walmysley the master mason shalbe sent for to viewe the pillars, briggs, stathes and other nedefull reparacons belongyng to his arte, and apon further consideracon to be feed with this Citie.

Item that a greene cloth of reasonable assise shalbe bought by the Chamberlaynes to be layd in the Court before the Juges of Assise in the Common Hall.

fo. 112b.

Ouse cleansing.

13 August 10 Elizabeth (1568). *Present*—William Coupland, Mayor, 6 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff.

Aggreed that common day works shall be forthwith for clensyng the water of Ouse, and xl laborars a day at the least.

fo. 115b.

A tile roof removed.

14 September 10 Elizabeth (1568). *Present*—William Coupland, Mayor, 5 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff.

For as moche as William Gylmyn, draper, hath caused one fayre mesuage with all the buyldyngs therunto belongyng to be newley rooved and all the thack tyle therof to be taken downe; and a good part therof all ready sold and carried away; wherapon the same Gylmyn at commandement of my L. Mayour here personally apperyng and requyred by my said Lord Mayour to fynd suerties for the repayryng and coveryng of the said buyldyng agayne with convenyent spede, refused soo to doo wherapon by consent of all this worshipfull assemble he is commytted to ward unto such tyme he be content to fynd suertie to be bound as is aforsayd.

fo. 116. **Present to the Earl of Sussex, President of the Council in the North.**

21 September 10 Elizabeth (1568). *Present*—William Coupland, Mayor, 8 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff.

Aggreed that the right noble Earle of Sussex, Lord President of the Queenes majestie Consell in theis North parties, shall at his

¹ Archbishop Young died on June 26, 1568.

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first repayre to this Citie be presented of the Chamberlanes with a decent present of the Chamber chardges, lyke as the Lords, Earles of Shrewisbery or Rutland, were.

fo. 117.

City to be cleansed. Presents.

English and Scottish Nobility to meet in York.

25 September 10 Elizabeth (1568). *Present*—William Coupland, Mayor, 7 Aldermen.

Apon advertisement by Mr. Vicepresident that the Dukes grace of Norffolk, the Lord President, with dyverse other nobles¹ as well of this contry as of Skotland will repayre hither to York, the secund of October next ; it is nowe therfor agreed that the best lodgyngs shalbe noted and commaunded to be in a readynes for such noble personags as shall chause to be assigned to theym by my Lord Mayour ; and that all vitailers be commanded to prepare vitailles sufficient and to sell at reasonable prices and all strange bochers to be lycensed duryng thabode of the sayd nobles every day in the week to come in with vitail and wellcome.

Further that Walmegate barr, Myklegat barr, Fossebrig and other broken barres and streets be herewyth amended and kept clene ; all tymber, stone and tar-barells to be avoyded forth of the streets ; and that thofficers and constables in every their chardges to gyve warnyng and see thexecution therof with effect apon payne for every defalt xx^s.

More over it is agreed that the sayd Dukes grace and Lord President shalbe eyther of theym presented in suche lyke sort as therles of Rutland, Lord President was in Mr. Craforth mayoraltye ; and other the Earles englysshe as the Earle of Bedforth was in Mr. Symson mayoraltye.

And that the Chamberlayns may bespeak and provyde for in tyme pyks and other thyngs therfor requysite.

Proclamacon.

The Lord Mayor of this Citie willeth and in the Queenes majestie name commandeth that every inholder and other vitailier having any gehests shall kepe one ordynarie table sufficiently furnisshed with boyled or sodden, and twoo kyndes of rost meat, bread and ale or beere, and not to take of any person for any suche meate above vjd the pece. And that no brewar shall sell at the fatts side any ale above iij^d le galon and the tiplar or retailer of ale not above iij^d ob le galon, and soo forth after this rate apon payne to be diffalted for kepyng of any inne, vitaillyng hous or alehous within the sayd Citie or suburbes of the same, but to be clerly disfranchised apon complaynt and profe therof had ageynst hym.

God save the Queene.

¹ The object of this conference was to try to come to some agreement about the future of Mary, Queen of Scots.

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fo. 119b. **Annuity to the Master Mason. Relief of the Poor.**

30 September 11 Elizabeth (1568). *Present*—William Coupland, Mayor, 7 Aldermen.

It was fully agreed that in consideracon that Christopher Walmysley, mr. mason, in consideracon that he shall yerely come unto this Citie abowt the end of Marche to view and peruse the defaults and decaye of Ousebrig, Fossebrig, Lathrop Posterne and other the Cite buyldyngs belongyng to his art or science, and therapon to gyve his faythfull consell and advyse for preparation and amendyng of the sayde defaults from tyme to tyme; he shall have therfor of the Chamber duryng his life one annuyte of xxvj^s viij^d with suche his reasonable costs and chardges as he shalbe at in comyng, taryeng here and retorne homeward bothe at that tyme and all other tymes whan he shalbe requyred to take peynes to come as towchyng reparations.

Aggreed that accordyng to the statute releaf shall be gathered immediatly through owte the Citie accordyngly, as latly it was; and that all the sayd poore and impotent shalle be kept in and none suffred to goe openly beggyng in the streets and other placs of the sayd Citie. And all foreyn beggars and vagrants to be severly punisshed with stocks or whyppying by discrecon of the wardens. And that the constables of every parochie be chardged in my Lord Mayour name to see dewe execucon herof. And alsoo the maister beggars to use their diligens herin apon payne conteyned in this statut

And that streets, lanes and alies of this Citie be kept cleane from tyme to tyme dayly as nede shall requyre.

fo. 120b. **Duties of the Twenty-Four.**

16 December 10 Elizabeth (1568). *Present*—William Coupland, Mayor, 8 Aldermen.

Was disstinctcly redd one aggreament or ordre as towchyng the xxiiij of the Pryvay Consell to come from tyme to tyme to thassembles of the Lord Mayour and Alderman for the tyme being to gyve their advise and consell as they have or ought to doo in suche their decent apparel as shall be appoynted theym by the L. Mayour. But as towchyng the elections of the Mayour, Aldermen and Shirefs of this Citie they to spare gyvyng of their voyces lyke as by decree of the Kings most honorable Pryvay Consell is expressed unto further advise were therein had. After whiche ordre soo redd and well considered the sayd worshipfull presens did nowe well allowe.

And by Mr. Recordar further advise did alsoo ratifie and confirme the same to be from hensforth firmly observed for ever. Thereto further addyng that the sayd xxiiij shall frome

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tyme to tyme be commanded by the Lord Mayour to come to all assembles of the sayd Lord Mayour, Aldermen and Shireffs at all tymes, places, as well within the Citie as within the Mynster in suche their decent and accustomed apparell as shalbe appoynted theym upon payne of forfayture of xl^s for every their default.

fo. 121. The xxiv summoned for not wearing their crimson gowns in the Minster.

8 January 11 Elizabeth (1568-9). *Present*—William Coupland, Mayor, William Tancred, Recorder, 12 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs.

Assembled in the Consell Chambre of the Common Hall whan and where Mr. Andrew Trewe, one of the Shirefs of this Citie, did make his oath of Pryvay Consell accustomed.

And nowe alsoo at commaundment of the said Lord Mayour, Robert Criplyng, William Greisdale, William Drew, William Brokdeyn, Hugh Graves, Edward Wilkok, Leonard Temple, William Thomson, Edmund Richardson and John Dyneley, tenne of the xxiiij of the Pryvay Consell of this Citie, came personally before the sayd worshipfull presens whoo by the mowth of Mr. Recordar did lay to their chardgs their disobediens in not wearyng thar crymyson gownes with tyyppetts on St. Stephen day, newe yeres day and twelth day at their assembly in the Mynstar emongs the Aldermen, accordyng to the auncient and laudable usage of this sayd Citie ; and beyng lykewise asked every of theym after other what lawfull or reasonable cause they could allege wherfor they shold not be punnyshed for their said disobediens, and namely whan they had warnyng by the officers from my Lord Mayour soo to doo, wherunto every one of theym for hymself made answer, that is to say : first Mr. Criplyng, that every the sayd iij solempne dayes he was forth of the Citie ; Mr. Drewe, that [he] had no warnyng therof lyke as was accustomed ; Mr. Dyneley, for that he had no suche gowne to weare ; whiche excuses so farr as seemed reasonable were admytted. And for the resydew of theym for that their allegacons were thought not sufficient were therfor demed worthy some punyshment, but nowe upon their gentle submysson to abide thorder of the said Lord Mayour and Aldermen in this behalf and for that that the same worshipfull did well perceyve that their sayd defaultz were rader of negligens or ignorant than of any sett stubbornesse, and further seeng theym very willyng hereafter to kepe alle suche the sayd laudable usages and ordynancs of apparell which they and theyr predecessours have ben accustomed to weare for the worship and prayse of this Citie ; and fynally for love and concord to contynew emongs theym all ; it was nowe therfor with the full assent of all the sayd worshipfull presens condescended and agreed that all the sayd defaults (suche as they were) shalbe clerely remytted and forgotten.

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fo. 127.

Wool to be bought for poor relief.**Application for purchase of property.**

4 February 11 Elizabeth (1568-9). *Present*—William Beckwith, Mayor, William Tancred, Recorder, 10 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 3 of the xxiv.

For some good towardnesse of webbyng to be had within this Citie for setting the poor idle on work, it is nowe agreed that one hundredd pounds of the sale money (if occasion shall soo requyer) shall be undylaydly disbursed for buyeng of ij or iiij c stone of wooll to be in a redynesse; and Mr. Hugh Graves, Parcyvall Brook, merchants, and William Beckwith, draper, are thought men expert and mete to travaill in that busynesse, and to have delyvered in their purse x^{li} or more to gyve in earnest for the sayd wool, moore or lesse as they shall lyke the pryce; and to goe abowt the buyenge of the said wool within theis x dayes soo warely as they may.

Agreed alsoo that sewte shalbe made to the Queenes majestie for lycens of alienation into mortmayne for an hundred pound land by yere to the Citie use, lieu of the common rents latly sold. And Mr. Alderman Craforth with Robert Brok are appoynted as most metest to sewe in this behalf, and to prepare theym selfs to goe up in this next vacation tyme, whan the Queenes majestie is nigh London and to have their price up with them x^{li} of the sale money.

fo. 127b. **Poor relief. Presents to Sir Thomas Gargrave and to the Recorder.**

8 February 11 Elizabeth (1568-9). *Present*—William Beckwith, Mayor, 9 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 5 of the xxiv.

Mr. Wilkoke was thought to be a man skilled and necessarie to be associat to Mr. Graves, Parcival Brook and Wm. Bekwyth in buyeng of wooll for the most advauntage of this Citie to be webbed accordyng to the late ordynaunce; and nowe alsoo this worshipfull assemble hath promysed to kepe theym harmles and without losse for and concernyng the sayd buyeng of wolles to the use abovesayd.

Agreed that iiij viz. Mr. Calome, Mr. Allyn, Mr. Harbert and Mr. Wilkoke shall undylayedly goe and view St. Georges hows and to make report what reparations or other necessarie provision is to be made and prepared ther for kepyng and workyng of the Citie wooll or any other place mete.

Further agreed that Sir Thomas Gargrave, knight, for his speciall frendship, help and good consell at all tymes shewed to this Citie and affayres of the same shall have gyven hym in reward of the Chambre costs one halfe tonne of claret wyne.

And alsoo that Mr. Recordar for sundry his travail and extraordinarie peynes taken in the Citie sewts and affaires alate shall have alsoo one other halfe tonne of lyke wyne.

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fo. 128b. **St. George's House. Instruction in weaving.**

1 March 11 Elizabeth (1568-9).

Oswald Wilkynson, tenaunt or occupiar of the hows and closse called Saynt Georgs hows and St. Georgs closse, here personally comyng, hath at the request of the sayd presens assented and frankly promysed theym to make the sayd hows in a readynesse with all convenyent spede soo that they shall and may quyetly enter and have ageyne the same hows for the requysite and necessary kepyng and woorkyng for the Citie well therin and he clerely to avoyde from the sayd St. Georgs hows before Care sunday¹ next comyng.

And for the bettar expedicon and furtherans of webbyng and makyng of wollen clothes within this Citie accordyng to the determynat resolucon therin it is agreed that Mr. Allyn, William Brokdyn, Hugh Graves and Edward Wilkok, maisters latly appoynted for the common webbyng, shall with spedy diligens take advise of some expert man in that sciens ; and soo with their good dexteritie to be frome tyme to tyme setting forth ward the sayd virtuouse work as the case shall requyre callyng apon the assistens of the Lord Mayour and Aldermen, if neyd be.

fo. 129b. **Rents lowered for the new shops on Ouse Bridge.**

Corpus Christi Play.

17 March 11 Elizabeth (1568-9). *Present*—William Beckwith, Mayor, 10 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 9 of the xxiv.

For remedy of the vacant newe shopps apon Ouse brig it is devised that Mr. Appleyard, Mr. Beane, Mr. Craforth, Mr. Allyn, Aldermen, Mr. Robynson, Shireff (and others) shall with all convenyent spede survay and consider what every the sayd vacant shopps are worth to be lessed reasonably and to certifie of their doyngs therin at the next meetyng, soo that it may be publisshed accordyngly to thentent they may be hyred and made tenaunt fast to Chambre profit.

(*fo.* 130). Item it is nowe further agreed that Corpus Christi play shalbe played this yere on Tewesday in Witsone weeke and that billetts accustomed shalbe immediatly made forth for preparation of the same.

fo. 130b. **The Two Sheriffs and their crimson gowns.**

23 March 11 Elizabeth (1569). *Present*—William Beckwith, Mayor, 8 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs.

For soo moche as Mr. Robynson and Mr. Trewe, Shirefs of this Citie, have ben deyverse tymes requyred and commanded by the Lord Mayour to prepare theym of crymson gownes and to have

¹ Care Sunday is another name for Carling Sunday, the fifth Sunday in Lent.

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worne theym at the accustomed tymes and places, accordyng to the auncient and laudable usage of this Citie, whiche not withstanding the same Shirefs soo to doo have hytherto frome tyme to tyme neglected and obstinaty refused contrary ther dewe obediens and perillouse example of such lyke offendars hereafter; and for that alsoo the said Shireffs beyng nowe eftsones earnestly moved to get theym with convenyent spede their sayd decent apparell in readyness, have made therto sundry allegacons and dilatorie answers, soundyng to a flatt denyal; it is nowe agreed that they eyther shall submytt theym selfs presently to thordre and judgement of the sayd worshipfull L. Mayour and Aldermen, as towchyng their sayd obstynacie and disobediens, or ells immediatly to be commaunded to shutt up their shopps apon peyne of xx^{li} a pece to be levied to the Chambre use.

fo. 131b. **Rent of new shops on Ouse Bridge.**

31 March 11 Elizabeth (1569). *Present*—William Beckwith, Mayor, 5 Aldermen, 5 of the xxiv.

The serchars of the girdlars are to be sent for to declare by what colour of title they clayme pageant money of yron stuff sold in this Citie, which pageant sylver belongeth to the craft of yrenmongers toward chardgs of their pageant as it seemyth.

For as moche as dyverse of the newe housez and shoppes apon Ousebrig assessed at the begynnyng to over moche yerely rents doo the moore part by reason of the sayd excessyve rents stand voyde and moo are lyke to be gyven up, herapon the worshipfull Mr. Appleyard (and 5 others) by assignment of my L. Mayour, Aldermen and Consell have advysed, viewed and considred the commoditie and goodnesse of every the sayd houses and shoppes and therwith hath esteemed and rented every of theym as they thynk reasonable and indifferent to be lessed as foloweth.

(*fo.* 132). The twoo shoppes in the severall occupation of William Greisdal and Robert Fawdyngton, rakked to xx^s to rent yerely xv^s a pece.

Thother three shoppes ageynst theym of xx^s a pece to yeld yerely xiijs iiij^d a pece. Those twoo shoppes in severall tenure of Mr. Wilkok and Robert Bekwyth of xiijs iiij^d a pece to rent yerely x^s a pece.

Thois sex shoppes of x^s a pece to be vjs viij^d a pece.

The iiij of viijs a pece to be lessed for v^s a pece.¹

fo. 132b. **Present to President of Council of the North.**

15 April 11 Elizabeth (1569). *Present*—William Beckwith, Mayor, 8 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 8 of the xxiv.

¹ This reduction was agreed to.

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In consideracon of sundry benefits and frendship to be loked for at the right honorable the Lord President hands towards this Citie in all their affairs and neads, it is fully aggreed that there shall be a tonne of wyne gyven hym in present of the Chambre chardgs with convenyent spede and to be chosen of the best that can be found within all the Citie by taste of theym that are skylled.

Aggreed that one Roger Ligh, deemed to be an experte and mete man to be overseer of and take chardge of webbyng, shall be forthwith sent for to thentent that apou the lykyng of hym further order to be taken.

fo. 133 **Cottages on Foss Bridge to be repaired.**

22 April 11 Elizabeth (1569). *Present*—William Beckwith, Mayor, 8 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 3 of the xxiv.

Aggreed that the old ruynouse cotags apou Fosse brig shall be reparell for the most profite and honesty of the Citie; and first vj or viij tymber trees to be bought therto by the Chamberlaynes; and the thak tyle to be reaved of and saved; and then by view and advise of an expert carpentar the sayd reparacons to be made accordyngly by oversyght of the Chamberleyne and Brigmaisters.

fo. 134. **Overseer of weaving appointed.**

Slanderous verse in an Alderman's parlour.

30 April 11 Elizabeth (1569). *Present*—William Beckwith, Mayor, 7 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 6 of the xxiv.

Apon communycation had with Roger Lighe, clothiar, to be reteyned oversear of the common webbyng within this Citie, and perceyvyng his answer and aptnesse for that office; it is nowe aggreed that the sayd Roger enter his sayd chardge one moneday come a sevenight; and to have for his dietts, salarie and wages for one twelvemoneth then next xvj^{li}, payd hym forth of the money assigned for wooll buyeng. Wherunto the sayd Roger Ligh hath well aggreed and promysed his faythful service to thuttermost of his power and conyng for the weale and profit of this Citie, viz., from tyme to tyme to gyve trewe accompts of all suche thyngs as shalbe commytted to his chardge and to oversee the dressyng of the wooll and delyver of it to the spynnars, to peruse their worke and to receyve it agayne; and then to delyver it to the weavers and diligently to peruse their work; and after that cause it to be walked and see it tentered¹ and well used from poynt to poynt with all other thyngs requisite to the sayd cloth workyng and perfectyng; and nowe in name of a Godds peny the sayd Roger Ligh receyved of the sayd Lord Mayour iij^s iij^d to be reteyned accordyngly.

And nowe Mr. Appleyard, Mr. Beane, Mr. Hall, Mr. Craforth and Mr. Calome, if Mr. Hall chanseth to be absent, with Mr. Byrmand,

¹ "tentered"; stretched on tenters, wooden frames.

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man of lawe, are appoynted to sytt with my Lord Mayour on moneday in the Consell Chambre apon Ousebrig for takyng of the examinacon of certayne persones whiche Mr. Copland hath in suspecte to have knowlege or to be privie to the makyng of a certayne slanderouse bill in ryme lately put at his glasse wyndow into his parlor where he lay.

Fynally that the wardens every of theym within ther wards shall on tewesday in the forenone next comyng at their severall places accustomed take view of all ydle persones, vacabunds and mightie beggars and alsoo of the poore, aged, lame and impotent persones lyvyng of almes within their sayd ward; and therapon to note as well suche as are come hither within three yeres last as alsoo the valiant persones to thende that suche as may work may be sett on work in webbyng.

fo. 134b. **Arrangements for Corpus Christi Play.**

Provision of wool for the poor.

4 May 11 Elizabeth (1569). *Present*—William Beckwith, Mayor, 11 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 5 of the xxiv.

Aggreyd that frome hensforth the bottellers shall be contri-butories with the sporryours towards bryngyng furth of there paygant of Corpus Christi.

Also it is agreyd that the hatters shall be likewyse contri-butories with the cappers towards bryngyng furth of there paygant of the play callyd Corpus Christi.

It is alsoo aggreyd that Roger Ligh, overseer of the common webbyng appoynted, shall have delyvered hym at his comyng to this Citie soo moche wooll to be wrought as shalbe thought good by buyars assigned of the sayd wooll; and alsoo that oyll and every necessarie for the sayd woork be provyded for and payd for owte of the money appoynted for wools buyeng.

fo. 133 **Horses, armour and weapons to be got ready.**

12 May 11 Elizabeth (1569). *Present*—William Beckwith, Mayor, 7 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 4 of the xxiv.

Was openly redd one letter to the L. Mayour, Aldermen and Shirefs of this Citie addressed from the right honorable thearle of Sussex L. President, Sir Thomas Gargrave, Sir Nycolas Fairfax, Sir George Bowes and Sir Henry Gale, knights, iiij of the Queenes majesties Consell in thes North parties, recityng that by authorite of the Queenes majesties Commission under hir great seale of England they emongs other thyngs are directed to assigne and depute the Mayour and other pryncipal officers of Cities by their discrecons to enquier and procede in the execucon of the statuts for furnisshyng of hir subjects with horse, armour and weapons in

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readynes for safgard of hir realme and subjects as not only by the sayd letter, but alsoo by certayne articles of instructions and breif of dyverse statuts drawen owte in prynte togiders with the sayd letter delyvered may appere at large.¹

fo. 138b. **Arrangements for poor people to work.**

12 May 11 Elizabeth (1568). *Present*—William Beckwith, Mayor, 7 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 4 of the xxiv.

Aggreyd that the poore folk of this Citie suche as are founde hable to doo some woorke shalbe brought by the constables of every paroche wher they dwell unto Saynt Georgs hous where as the Citie wooll ligheth, than and there to be proved by the Aldermen, wardens and xxiiij with thadvyse of Roger Ligh, clothiar, what they can doo ; and suche of theym as can doo aught or are meete to learne to have wooll delyvered theym by discrecon of suche as have chardg therof to woorke ; and the sayd Roger to doo his diligens to instruct suche of the sayd poor as he shall perceyve not perfecte, to thentent that by lytle and lytle there may be of the sayd poore sufficient to serve the turne ; and suche as he shall see hable and not willyng to labour or learne to labour to enforme the Lord Mayour and Aldermen therof that they may be further ordered accordyng to the lawes. And first the poor from Monkward to be had to the sayd St. Georges hous to be proved on fryday next at viij of the cloke before none ; and soo furth the rest of the wards, one after another. And the poor of the sayd wardes to be appoynted, twoo wardes to the sayd Roger Ligh, and thother twoo to Raynham, thother clothiar, reteyned to webbe.

And that soo sone as housez for workyng and other necessities to the same can be convenyently prepared in readynes, it is thought good that for triall of the diligens and work of the sayd clothiars by hymself the sayd Raynham shall have St. Georges hous and Roger Ligh St. Anthonies, with some other apte hous to work in in wynter. And alsoo that the sayd Raynham in the meane tyme shall declare to the Lord Mayour and Aldermen.

(*fo. 139*). And nowe apon certayne reasonable consideracons it is thought requysite that the shewe of harnesssed men of this Citie at Corpus Christi play shall be spared and not held for this yere.

18 May 11 Elizabeth (1569). *Present*—William Beckwith, Mayor, 7 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 5 of the xxiv.

Agreyd that he who is appoyntyd to make the slays² for webbyng shall work onely of that worke to the same be fynysshed and he to have every weke for his wags iiij^s.

¹ The letter and instructions are here given.

² "Slays for webbyng"; slays are instruments used in weaving to beat up the weft.

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It is also agreyd that my Lord Mayour shall dysburse of the money in his hands presently unto Percyvall Leigh, maister workman for webbyng, the somme of v^{li} towards payment of the power that works in spynnyng and carding woll for the said webbyng and to make a dewe accompt thereof.

fo. 140.

General Musters to be held.

Stations for Corpus Christi Play. New Squire at Mace.

26 May 11 Elizabeth (1569). *Present*—William Beckwith, Mayor, 10 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 5 of the xxiv.

Aggreyd that the rate of wages of artificers, laborers and servants shalbe made this yere and certificat therof sent up accordyng to the statute in suche wise provided.

Item that the generall muster and viewe of hable men, armour, weapons, horses, mares and geldyngs for the Queenes majesties service shalbe made with all diligens, that is to say, for the Citie on monday the xiiij of June and for the Aynstie on tuesday the xiiijth of June.

And nowe was appoynted places for havynge Corpus Christi play on Wytsonday tuesday next, viz the first at Trynitie gate; ij^d ageynst Maister Henrison hous; iij^d abowte St. John Kirkstile; iiijth at Maister Pacok doore; vth at Ousgate cornar; vith at Maister Appelyard; vijth at the Common Hall gats; ixth at the Mynster gats; xth at Maister Birnand hous; xj at Huttons; xijth at the Lord Mayour place; xiiijth on the Pavement between Maister Harberts and shirefs housez; the xiiijth betwene Maister Pacok and Maister Allen plac; provided that if the said persones will not pay for the sayd plac as the Lord Mayour and Chamberleyns shall thynk requisite then further order therin to be taken at discrecon of my L. Mayour and Chamberleyns.

Item it is thought necessary that jugement be made by certayne auncient men of this Citie of the true bundar of the bull ryng on the Pavement and therapon to be sett and fixed to contynewe ther for ever.

27 May 11 Elizabeth.

John Lutton, gentleman, beyng (as it was nowe reported) a man well brought up and skillfull in service is thought therfor very meete to succede Henry Smyth, gent, in thoffice of squire at the mace; and agreed alsoo that apon his dyligens and good behaviour he shalbe admytted to the sayd office whan soo ever the same sholde come voyd by death, resignation or other wise.

fo. 141b.

Poor Relief.

10 June 11 Elizabeth (1569). *Present*—William Beckwith, Mayour, 5 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 1 of the xxiv.

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Aggreed that the wardens of every warde shall cause to appere before theym all the poore folk in every their said wards apon thursday next at viij of the clock before noone then and there to appoynt of the said pore suche as shalbe partly releved wekely ; and also that badges of lead shalbe made for every of the saide poore folk whiche shalbe allowed by my Lord Mayour and Aldermen to goe abowte in every warde.

fo. 142b. **Recommendations by the Overseer of the Poor.**

17 June 11 Elizabeth (1569) *Present*—William Beckwith, Mayor, 6 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 2 of the xxiv.

Apon viewe made and considered of the poore, aged, impotent and lame persones of this Citie suche of theym as were thought mete to be releved and lyve apon almes were admytted and noted, part of theym to have badges of their admyttence and lymits of the place where they may begg, and other part that can not goe abroad, to be otherwise releved with the charitie of well dysposed, provyded that every of the sayd poore admytted shall kepe within their owne ward and ther be releved.

Mem. that theis motions put in by Roger Ligh, overseer of common webbyng, folowyng was thought very mete and necessary to be perfourmed as foloweth viz.

First as concernyng provision of your woole by thexperiens I have seene in your spynnars I take it they will spyn all most xx stone in the week which will aske provision for viij or ix hundred stone of woole.

Item for your workfolks to dresse your woll it shalbe nedefull to have ij skillfull wooll dressers whiche must have ij or iij joyned with theym that may be of lesse skill, boyes or wenches may serve in that poynt.

Item for your weavers of this Citie I wold wee had a person what they cold doo for none are ready and at the best leasure to trie theym.

Item for tentars ij payr we must have for we shall stand nede of theym straightwayes.

Item for our course buttock wool as I thynk it was best to make it in colours, therfor there must be provision made for lead.

Aggreed wooll to be bought by the buyers appoynted and others to be appoynted betweene fyve and tenne hundred stone ; and further conference to be had herin at the next assemble.

Aggreed that no manner of coale wagnes shalbe suffered to passe over Ouse brig at any tyme ne alsoo with great tymbre.

(*fo. 143*). And for bettar fullfylling hereof the chayne to be kept drawne by one to be appoynted therfor by discrecon of Maister Beane.

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Aggreed alsoo that my Lord Mayour shall send unto the serchars of weavers to choise owte emongs theym skilful men such as may serve and helpe the overseer in common webbyng for the most honesty and advauntag of the Cite.

fo. 143b. **Permission to cross Ouse Bridge. Badges for Beggars.**

23 June 11 Elizabeth (1569). *Present*—William Beckwith, Mayor, 5 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 3 of the xxiv.

Aggreyd that the sledd loden with mylne stones to be caried to the wynd mylne on Heworth moore belongyng to this Citie shall passe over Ouse bridge for this tyme.

Alsoo badges made for the poor of this Citie admytted to begg with differencs for every ward beyng their severall lymytes to begg in, were nowe delyvered to the wardens to be delyvered over to every the sayd poore one badge, that is to saye, to thands of Maister Beane, warden of Myklythward xxij badges ; Maister Craforth for Bothome ward xij ; to Maister Allyn for Monk ward xxvj badges ; and nowe in absens of Maister Appleyard, warden of Walmgate ward, xxviij badges to be delyvered over to the sayd Maister Appleyard soo soone as he comith home.

fo. 144. **Earl of Northumberland's Offer.**

Beggars revile the Lord Mayor.

28 June 11 Elizabeth (1569). *Present*—William Beckwith, Mayor, William Tancred, Recorder, 6 Aldermen, 3 of the xxiv.

Aggreyd that Maister Fawks in the name of my Lord Mayour and Aldermen shall go at after none to my Lord of Northumberland and give hym hartie thanks for his gentle offer to them for a purchase to be hadd. And to declare to his Lordship that the Citie haith but a serten somme of money whiche is to be bestowyd in webbyng of cloth to sett the power on worke and will skarse suffre to discharge the same.

It is also agreed that a skottyshman borne beyng a good maker of jakks and plait coots shall be franchisesyd for xx^s for that he is thought to be a mete member for this Citie.

Also it is agreed that Symon Wedderell and Thomas Judson, beggars, for there vile words and communycaton hadd and spoken by theym and others in the Mynster garth ageynst my Lord Mayour and Aldermen in revylyng of them and cursyng them behynd there bakks, to the evyll example of suche vyle rooges and beggars, shall be commytt to ward into the lowe pryson of the Sheryfs apon Owsbrige there to remayne to a forther ordre for ther punnyshement be provyded.

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fo. 144b **York Council has not carried out the instructions
of the Council in the North.**

30 June 11 Elizabeth (1569).

By the Queene.

Trustie and welbeloved we grete youe well ; and whereas we have heretofore addressed our former lettres unto our Sherif of our Countie of Yorke to be imparted to youe for the inquescon of the multytude of vagabonds and suche as commonlie ar called rogs and for the punyshement and order of them accordinge to the lawes of our realme, requiringe youe therby to make certificat unto our said Sherif to be delyvered by hym to the Lord President and others of our Counsaile in the Northe parties, by whome we loked to be informyd of theis matters, whereof they be not as yet fully informyd so as they can therby make true certefycate to us, whereby yt appereth our commaundement ys in that behalf neglected, whereof we do not a lytle marvell ; sence whiche tyme we also directed other lettres willing youe thereby to contynewe monethelye the said searche untill the first of November next and to certefye your doyngs monethely to our said President and Counsell whereof ye have yet mayd no certyficat ; therefore we meanyng as well the (*fo.* 145) good performance of all the premisses as of certane articles inclosed charge youe with that falte and doo further will and commaunde youe forthwith apou the receipt of thies oure lettres to advertise our said President and Counsell what the cause is that youe have not all this while made certefycat of your first charge to our Sherif and of your second charge to oure said President and Counsell accordinge to the tenour of the same our former lettres and in whos defalt the same ys and what excuse yowe or any of yowe have to declare for the contrarye and therewith to spedie and full certefycat of bothe youre chargs to our said President and Counsell whiche whan they shall understand they will thereof consyder as the case shall require. Nevertheless trustyng that for the contents of our said lettres execucon haith bene, thoughe the same be not certefyed as yt ought to be ; we have therefore thought good to will and commaund youe that ye ymmedyatlie upon the recept and sight hereof devyde your selves as heretofore youe have bene accustomed and to take indelayed order for the full and due execucon as well of oure said former lettres as of the articles whiche we nowe send unto youe here inclosed, and there upon with all convenyent spede to make certefycat of your procedengs both first and last unto our said President and Counsell whereby we may knowe frome theme what haith bene and shalbe done by youe in this behalf. Yeven under our signet at our Citie of Yorke the xxixth day of June.

And by hir Counsell.

(*fo.* 145b). Articles of instruccons for the Maiour, Aldermen and Justices of Peace within the Citie of York and the liberties of

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the same, and to be by them and every of them in every behalfe duely executed and not neglected.

First youe shall secretly accorde by way of distribucon of youre selves, with the helpe of other inferyor offycers whome ye may well truste, to cause a straight searche and good stronge watche to be begonne on Sonday at night about ix of the klok, whiche shalbe the tenth of July, in every towne, village and parishe, of that the Citie of Yorke and the Countie and liberties of the same Citie, and to contynewe the same all that night till iiij of the cloke in the after none of the next daye ; and in that searche and watche to apprehend all vacabonds, sturdie beggers commonlie called rogues or egeptians and all other idle vagarunt persons, haveng no maisters nor certentie, home or whereby to lyve, and then cause to be ymprysoned in stocks and suche like and accordinge to the quallities of these to proced against them as by the lawes ys ordred and that with convenyent severitie so as they may be by punyshment forced to labour for there livinge.

Item as it is lykelie that you have in your former orders alreadie remytted them, whome youe have not thought mete to reteyne in worke, to departe to there natyve cuntryes, so ar yowe to take good hede howe to avoyde the abuse of your pasports by the whiche, when the names onelie of the places to which they ar dyrected ar speciallie namyd, the said lewde persones craftely do spend there tyme in passage idely, do straye far out of the right wayes and do in some places coulour there goings to the bathes for recoverye of there conterfete secknesses ; and therefore in the pasportes wold be also namyd speciall townes beyng in there right wayes, by whiche they should be charged in there pasportes to passe, so as if they shalbe found out of these high wayes they may be newlie and more sharply punyshed, and in this case also the pasportes wold be so discretly sealed, subscribed and wrytten as they shuld not easelie counterfeyt the same, whiche as it ys reported some of them can redely do, and do carrye aboute with them certen counterfet seales of corporate townes and suche lyke to serve there purposes in that behalf, for the whiche before they shalbe demissed, and as they shall also passe by townes, dewe searche wold be mayd by the offycers.

Item after this searche mayd, whiche is intended to be mayd generall at one tyme throughe the hole realme, we thynke it good and for more suretye to the totall rootinge out of this mischefe that ye do agre emongest your selves to make at the least monnethle (*fo.* 146) the like searches in the same Citie, Countie and liberties thereof, untill the first of November and accordinge to our former lettres, or longer as youe shall see cause ; and thoughe we do not presentlie writ to everye towne and place in that our Citie and Countie thereof, being lyberties and havenge Justices of Peace of themselves, for avoydinge of multytude of lettres and for the

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uncertentye of the nombre of suche townes, yet our meaninge is youe, or some of youe, the Justices within the bodie of that our Citie and Countie, shall spedylie impart the contents hereof at the tyme lymytted bothe for the first searche and watche and for the contynuance of the same hereafter. And we require youe for avoydinge of further reprove to returne to L. President and Counsell in the Northe parts, brieflie the certificate of this that shalbe done by your first searche and so monethly of every other searche to be mayd after so longe as the same shall contynewe.

Item we cannot but consider that in the searche herof dyverse vagarunt persons wilbe founde who will counterfayt themselves as impotent beggars and that after tryall thereof and punysshement made in suche cases it wilbe necessarye to provide charitablie for suche as shalbe indede founde unfeynedlie impotent by age, syknes or other wise, to get there lyvinge by labour, and for those we earnestlye and in the name of God above us all commaunde, require and charge youe all and everye of youe to consider diligentlie howe they maye be releved in every parishe by the good order that is devised by a late acte of Parlyament, and that they be not suffered to wander or lye abrode as commonlye they do in the highwayes for lacke of sustentacon ; and for the dewe and charitable execucon of that statute we thinke it good that the Busshope of the Diocesse or other ordynaries be moved by youe in oure name to dyrecte commandyments to the curetes or mynisters in the churches to exhorte the parishoners to gyve there common almes at there churches, and to procure remedy agaynst suche as have welth and will not contribut at the churches upon exhortaton and admonycon, and therunto we require youe to gyve youre aydes and assystance in everye parishe where your dwellinge is, and by your good example encorage others to this charitable good dede to whiche effecte we have also dyrectid our lettres to the Dean and other mynystres in the Chathedrall Church of York.

Item we do further require youe at this your metinge for this searche to confarr howe the statutes that ar provyded for avoydinge of all unlawfull games and specyally of bowlinge and for manetenance of archers may be spedelye and roundlie executed in everye parte of the said Citie and Countie ; and if any of youre selves have bene therin culpable, frome hence furthe to forebeare specyallye seing in all things bothe good and badd example in superiors haith moste weight, and in dede harde it shalbe for youe to observe youre othes whiche youe tooke beinge admytted Justices of Peace, if you (*fo.* 146b) shall comytt suche open, hurtfull offences yourselves, whiche ought by yourselfs as youe knowe in your sessions to be enquired of and punyshed ; and herein we wold have you cause some inquisicon to be spedilie mayd and to be advertysed to the L. President and Counsell by whome we looke to be enformed howe e same ys orderid. The great common mysusing herof dothe so

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abound as we cannot but presentlye gyve youe warnynge therof and meane in dede to harken hereafter howe this our admonycon is regarded of yowe in your severall behalves; and in that behalfe also we cannot but admonishe youe to be warr and cercumspecte what lycences yow geyve to persones to kepe comon somer games¹ for we here of some great abuses therein in sundrye parts of youre realme, both that ther ar evils generall and lewdnes and ungodlynnes comytted by the confluence of nombres and evill disposyd people for lack of the presence of some wise, honest men and goodlie Justices and officers, whereof as we shall be further informed so will we provide remedie.

Item youe shall do well to cause the ordynare watchemen in all parishes to be well warned that by no lewd practises of evill disposid, craftie persons passinge by them in the night by pretences of watche wordes or suche lyke lewde devises any levy or rasinge of people be mayd as in some corners of the realme haith bene lately attemptid, thoughe well staid by the wiser men; as for other things we meane not by any partyculer charge to admonishe youe of any more but wishe youe to contynewe in your carefulnes of your offices to see the peace dewlie kepte and the disturbers thereof by words, tailes, newys spredinge, of unlawfull books and wrytyngs or by deds to be at the first with spede stayed and sharplie punyshed and thereof to enforme our said President and Counsell spedyllye.

Item if any of youe shall perceyve any of your nombre being Justices of Peace in any of thes things negligent, we hartelie require youe, the rest or any of youe to advertise the said L. President and Counsell by your pryvate and secrete lettres for in so doynge we must allowe youe, and we meane to provide some good remedye as reason is it should be to remove credett and estymacon frome them that wilfullie so deserve the contrarye.

fo. 147.

Archery to be maintained.

1 July 11 Elizabeth (1569). *Present*—William Beckwith, Mayor, 10 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 8 of the xxiv.

Aggreed that billettis shall be mayd in the Lord Mayour name to the iiij officers to command the constables of every parochie of this Citie that they gyve warnynge in the Quenes name to the fathers and maisters of every the children and yong men of their parochie frome vij to xvij and frome xvij to lx to have bowes and arrowes according to the statute and proclamacon latly proclaymed, and to warne every the said fathers, maisters, children and yonge men to appere before the wardens of the iiij wards of this Citie

¹ "somer games"; summer games, dancing, acting on St. John Baptist Day. A summer-game light burnt in some churches; there was one in St. Michael, Spurriergate, York. Will of Antony Middleton, "To the somer-game lyght xx^s."

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every of theym in their severall wards, on monday come a fourth night beyng the xvij day of July instant, at theer places accustomed, and to bryng with theym their said bowes and arrowes there to the same.

Also it was agreed that none shall frome hensforth watche at the iiij barres of this Citie but suche as shalbe allowed by the wardens of their warde to be hable and to take their watcheword at the wardens and not otherwise.

fo. 148. **Raising Money for Armour and Weapons.**

6 July 11 Elizabeth (1569). *Present*—William Beckwith, Mayor, 8 Aldermen, 6 of the xxiv.

Agreed that suche kynde of armour as was appoynted by my Lord President and Counsell to be provided for by this Citie as apperith by a bill therof, whiche will amounte to the somme of cxx^{li} or there abowts, shalbe assessed by this hows by polls viz.

Every Alderman to pay	xx ^s
The Sheryfs this yere	xx ^s a pece
Every of the xxiiij	xiiij ^s iiij ^d a pece.

and who as dothe refuse payment of his assesement to be dyssfranchesyed.

And the residewe towards the said payment shall be assessed by this howse of the parochianours by polls in every paroche within the iiij wardes of this Citie.

The coppie of whiche billet hereafter apperith.

Citie of Yorke	{	Corselletts	xx	{	Pryces
		Pykes	xx		
		Callyvers	lx		
		Morriions	lx		
The Aynsty	{	Corseletts	x	{	Every alman corselett xxvj ^s viij ^d
		Pykes	x		Every flanders corselett xxx ^s
		Callevers	xxx		Every calyver furneshyd xx ^s
		Morriions	xxx		Every morryon vj ^s viij ^d

fo. 149b. **Imprisonment for playing Shovegroat.**

Rush bearing forbidden.

9 July 11 Elizabeth (1569). *Present*—William Beckwith, Mayor, 8 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 1 of the xxiv.

William Smyth, taylor, William Newsome, chapman, and Peter Breclif, smyth, beyng likewise imprisoned for playinge at shovgrot were nowe callid forth and the said William Smyth and Peter Breclif were bound with suerties and the said Newsome by hymself in x^{li} frome hensforth not to play, hant or exercese any howses, placs and alley, where any unlawful games shalbe exercised,

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but at all tymes hereafter to absteyne frome playnge at any unlawfull games.

Also that Thomas Rowse havynge a wief and Johan Balgrave, wief of one William Balgrave of London, baker, for their synne of advoutrie shall this day beyng markett day be carted both together abowte this Citie, and that the said Johanne shall have a passeport made agenest tomorrow to passe directly frome this Citie to London to her said husband and the said Rowse to remayn untill further order be taken by my Lord Mayour and Aldermen.

It is also agreyd that frome henseforth no parochianours in this Citie nor Suburbes of the same shall use any reshe bearynge by there chyldren or servauntes, nor assemblie of yong people to any sommer games, for avoydyng of suche inconvenyens that may growe there appon, as every of them will answer to the contrary at there uttermost perills.

fo. 154.

Money for Armour and Weapons.

29 July 11 Elizabeth (1569).

Aggreed that lx^{li} or moare towards provison of common armour prescribed to this Citie shalbe forthwith levied of thenhabitants of the same, that is to say, of every paroch rated as folowith, viz.

WALMGATE WARD

St. Maries paroche	xxxiijs iiij ^d
St. Michels	vij ^{li}
All Hallos	vj ^{li}
Peter Lane litle	xxx ^s
Crux paroche	vij ^{li}
St. Dionise	lxvj ^s viij ^d
St. Margarets	xx ^s
St. Laurens with	
St. Nicolas	xxv ^s
Peter of the Willows	vj ^s

Summa xxix^{li} xij^d

MONK WARD

St. Savours paroche	xiijs iiij ^d
St. Andrewes	vjs viij ^d
St. Sampsons	lxx ^s
Trynitie paroche	xxx ^s
Pyke paroche	vjs viij ^d
St. Helene on the Walls	x ^s
St. Maries in Laythrop	x ^s
St. Johns, St. Cuthberts	ij ^{li}
Allhallos in Peseholme	ij ^s
St. Maurice paroche	xiijs iiij ^d
Christs paroche	vj ^{li}

Summa xiiij^{li} ijs

BOTHOME WARD

St. Martyns	ls
St. Wilfrid	xxx ^s
St. Helenes	lxvj ^s viij ^d
St. Michel Belfra	vij ^{li}
St. Olavs	xxvj ^s viij ^d

Summa xvj^{li} xiijs iiij^d

MIKLITH WARD

St. Marie thelder with	
Clementthorp	x ^s
Bisshophil newer	xij ^s
Trynities	liijs iiij ^d
St. Johns	iiij ^{li} x ^s
Allhallows	xl ^s
St. Martyns with Gregore	lxx ^s

Summa xiiij^{li} xv^s iiij^d

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fo. 154b.

Ample provision of Bread ordered.

6 August 11 Elizabeth (1569). *Present*—William Beckwith, Mayor, 5 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs.

Aggreed that the serchers of bakers shalbe called before my Lord Mayour and commanded to serve Thursday market with good and sufficient bread for servyng the Quenes people as they ought to doo ; and if my Lord Mayour shall perceyve the price of bread to them latly gyven to be over lytle than my L. Mayor to amend the same by his discrecon.

fo. 155. **Claim against the City's rights. The Vintners.**

11 August 11 Elizabeth (1569). *Present*—William Beckwith, Mayor, William Tancred, Recorder, 9 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 2 of the xxiv.

One of the deputies or commysionars of Sir Thomas Benger, knight, shewed the Queenes majesties letters patents under hir great seale of the gyft emongs other thyng of the goods and catalls of men utlawed ; wherapon was shewed to hym the chartre of this Citie provyng a formar grante from the Queenes majestie progenitorz to the Mayour and Comminaltie of this Citie emongs other thyngs of all goods of utlawes within the County of the Citie of York and confirmed by the Queenes majestie that nowe is. And it was further aggreed that the said commysionars whan they sytt shall see the said former gyft of the said utlawes goods.

And apon reading of a bill of supplicacon putt in by Christopher Learmouth, Richard Ayneley, Peter Pulleyn, William Gilmyn, John Standeven, William Henrison, John White and George Hunter, claymyng to be free vyntenars of this Citie against certayne other persones usyng the said craft of vyntenars and not apprentice at the said craft (as they allege), contrary the statute ; it was nowe aggreed that as well the said Christopher, Richard, Peter, William, John, William, John and George, as also all the said other persones usyng the said occupacon of vyntenars shalbe called before my Lord Mayour and Aldermen ; and to be declared unto theym at their commyng that all suche of theym as did not exercise and was not apprentice at the said occupacon at the makyng of the said statute that it should not be lawfull for theym to occupie.

fo. 156b.

Church Collections for the Poor.

2 September 11 Elizabeth (1569). *Present*—William Beckwith, Mayor, 4 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 4 of the xxiv.

Aggreed that gatheryng in every churche of this Citie for releif of the poore of the same shall begyne on sonday next and to

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se what can be gotten with good will of the parochianours of the same ; and reporte therof to be made to my Lord Mayour and his Bretherne this day fourthnight, every the said paroches. And that commandement shalbe gyven in my Lord Mayour name by thofficers of every the iiij wards to the constables of every the said paroches to begynne the said gatheryng accordyngly.

fo. 157b. Assessment for Poor Relief. The Ironmongers' Pageant.

15 September 11 Elizabeth (1569) *Present*—William Beckwith, Mayor, 5 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 6 of the xxiv.

Aggreed that every Alderman shall pay weekly vjd towards the relief [of the poor], every of the xxiiij iiij^d, every that ar or have ben Chamberlanes iij^d; and all the resydew of every of the paroches within this Citie such as are thought hable to contribute to be assessed by iiij of the most substantiall of every paroch; and certificat of their sayd assessments to be made to the Lord Mayour this day sevenyght provydid that suche the sayd xxiiij and Chamberlanes as are knowne to be decayed shall be mytigated by discrecon of the sayd assessors.

Aggreed that Maister Leonard Temple shall have xx^s of the Chambre towards payment of xliiij^s which [he] allegith to have layd forth for bryngyng forth of the yrenmongars pageant for ij yeres, and renewyng the pageant, and xxiiij^s residew to be gathered of suche as occupyeth buyeng and sell yng of nayles within this Citie and to have further of the officers for gatheryng the same.

fo. 159. Parish Assessments for Poor Relief.

27 September 11 Elizabeth (1569). *Present*—William Beckwith, Mayor, 7 Aldermen.

For relief of the poore, impotent folk of this Citie was assessed every paroch of the said Citie as was thought they might easely pay weekly without grevans ; and as the most part of the sayd paroch had allready sett theymselves, in form folowyng

MONK WARD		MYKLITH WARD	
Christs paroch	iiij ^s	St. Johns paroch	ij ^s viij ^d
St. Sampsons	ij ^s vjd	St. Martyns with	
Trynities	xix ^d	Gregory	ij ^s vjd
St. Saviours	x ^d	Trynities	ij ^s
St. Maurice	ix ^d	Allhalos	xv ^d
St. Andro	iiij ^d	New Bish.	vjd
St. John Pike	xij ^d	Elder Bish.	ix ^d
Cuthbert, Helens,		Summa ix ^s viij ^d	
Maries and Allhalos	xiiij ^d		
Summa	xij ^s ij ^d		

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BOTHOME		WALMEGATE WARD	
St. Michels belfra	vjs	Crux paroch	vs
St. Wilfreds	xiiij ^d	Allhalows	iijs viij ^d
St. Olaves	xx ^d	St. Michels	vs
St. Helen	ijs viij ^d	St. Maries	xiiij ^d
St. Martyns	ijs iiiij ^d	St. Dionise	ijs iiij ^d
		St. Margarets	xvj ^d
Summa xiijs x ^d		St. Laurens with	
		St. Nic.	xij ^d
		Peter Willois	vij ^d
		Peter lytle	xiiij ^d
		Summa xxvs xj ^d	
	Total lvjs ix ^d		

The gatheryng of the sayd releif within every the sayd paroches to begynne on Sonday next.

fo. 160.

Enquiry about Rumours of Sedition.

10 October 11 Elizabeth (1569).

At commandement of the Lord President and Consell the inholders, tavernars and tiplars of every ward upon sumons from my L. Mayour did personally appeir in the Consell Chambre, and then and there, every paroch by theymselves, were examined by the said Justics if they had heard talk in thir houses by any maner of persone of any newes, tales, reports or rumours betwene the Queenes majestie and hir noblez or commons or betwene the nobles and comons or betwene any of theym, soundyng to any sedicon, slander or dishonour of theym or any of theym, whoo, one after another, have answered and sayd they have heard of none. And further streight chardge was now gyven to every the sayd inholders, tavernars and tiplars by the sayd worshipfull in the Queenes majestie name that if any tyme hereafter they shall hear any suche news, tales, reports or rumours in ther housez or ellswere they forthwith to disclose and declare the same to the L. Mayour or Wardens of the ward to be ordered accordyng to the lawes of the realme in such case provyded.

fo. 160b.

New Mace Bearer.

12 October 11 Elizabeth (1569). *Present*—William Beckwith, Mayor, 8 Aldermen, 2 of the xxiv.

Henry Smyth, esquier at mace, commyng personally before the sayd presens upon aggrement betwene hym and John Lutton, did freely and willyngly surrender up his office of mace bearer; and the sayd John Lutton was admytted to the sayd office but for that that the sayd John is not as [yet] enfranchised it was consented that he paying for his franchised sylver lxxvjs viij^d, that is, in hand vjs viij^d, at Pentecost next vjs viij^d and soo yerely at Pentecost the

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next xiijs iiij^d unto the sayd fyve marks be fully satisfied ; if the sayd John Lutton soo long doo lyve or ells imediatly after his decesse the sayd payne frome thensforth to cesse.

fo. 161b.

The Rising in the North.

Precautions for the safety of the City.

9 November 11 Elizabeth (1569). *Present*—William Beckwith, Mayor, 8 Aldermen, 6 of the xxiv.

Aggreed that every of the barres and posterns of this Citie shall be undylaydly viewed and considered by the Chamberleyns and skilled men of occupacons, and that decayes therof be amended sufficiently as they ought to be ; and all the common gonnes or ordynauncs remaining in the Chambre or at the barres be reparellled and amended and made in readynes.

And nowe alsoo order and aggrement was taken with the wholl consent of the sayd worshipfull presens with the bettar advise of the Lord President for the safgard and suerty of the Queenes majestie Citie of York as folowith : viz.

First that iiij of the sex common officers to be appoyntyd by the Lord Mayour shall ligh nightly every of theym in one of the iiij barres of this Citie to see the watchemen doo their dewties accordyng to their chardge.

Item that the sayd wardens, every of theym in his ward, shall see there be ten watchemen in the nyght and vj in the day of the most trusty citizens or honest men by discrecon of the wardens, and the sayd ten to begynne there watche at viij of the cloke at night contynewyng unto vj in the mornyng, and then the vj watchemen lykewise to beggyn and contynew unto viij at night and soo forth unto further ordre be taken.

Item the said wardens every of theym to see the posternes within their ward to be suerly lokked and soo contynewe lokked bothe day and night, and the keyes therof to remayne alsoo within their custody.

Item the sayd wardens over and besyds there accustomed chardge shall gyve the watchemen a speciall chardge not to suffer any maner of persone to carie any gonnes, gone powder or other kynd of armour furth of this Citie, neyther day ne night, but to stay theym with their sayd armour, and soo to bryng theym unto the Lord Mayour or wardens to be sent to the Lord President.

Item lykewise to stay all suche persones as the sayd watchemen shall perceyve commyng into the Citie or goyng forth armed or defensyve other than with their ordynarie weapon, and to bryng theym to the sayd Lord Mayour or wardens.

(fo. 162). Item that some of the said watchemen at certayne tymes as well in the day as in the night to goo to the walles and height of the barres to mark if they can see or heare of any numbre

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of suspicouse persones, and immediatly to advertise the wardens of any suche.

Fynally by advise of the Lord President the watchemen aforesayd diligently to note every day what number of gentlemen, serving men or suche lyke sort doo come into the Citie on horsbak or on foot, and nightly to certifie the wardens of the just nombre of suche the comars in by theymselves and the goars forth by theymselves.

Item it is further agreed that the wardens shall from tyme to tyme chardge the inholdars, taverners, kepars of alehouses or typlyng houses to give a diligent eare if they can heare any maner of persone telling rumours, newes or tales that sound to sedicon, dissention or slander, etc., and forthwith to advertise the Lord Mayour or wardens therof.

And that commandment be undylaydly gyven from the Lord Mayour to the constables of every paroche to chardge all thenhabitants within their chardge not to sell any armour or weapon to any persone or persones forth of this Citie withowt the Lord Mayour or wardens be first advertised therof.

Examinacon of jakmakers, armorers, smyths and certayne other artificers as folowing.

Alex. Cotrel, jakmaker, saith he hath made of late twoo coates of plate to Sutton towne; and for Maister Robert Fairfax of Acaster a pryvay coat¹ and is bespoken to goo to Maister Constable of Kexby to make hym some coates there.

William Cartar, inholdar, havng one Walter Dowglas, a scottishman, jakmaker, lodgyng at his hous is requyred by my Lord Mayour to chardge the sayd Scottishe man that he neyther sell ne delyver any coat of plat or pryvay coat to any man but that make the sayd Lord Mayour first pryvay therto.

Peter Dawson, armorar, examined what armour or weapon he hath sold alate sayeth that he hath sold one corsslet to Carleton towne in Coverdale but not yet delyvered.

John Geldart, armorer, sayeth he hath one corslett complete of Maister Dawney, another of Maister Harbert, and a third of Maister Bowcher.

John Addyson, armorar, hath one corslet of Sir William Fairfax, and had twoo of Maister Vavasours of Copmanthorpe but he fetched theym away on Saturday last.

John Turl, armorar, hath one corslet of Maister Roger Cholmelays of Bransby.

Richard Atkynson sayeth he hath and hath had theis xij yeres a corslet of Maister Acclomes.

The sayd John Addyson sayeth he hath ben at Wighill and there nayled and leathered xij or xiiij corsletts of Sir William Malories.

¹ "a pryvay coat"; a coat of mail worn under ordinary clothes.

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(fo. 162b). Christofer Willoughby, joynar, sayeth he shafted an hundred blake billes agaynst Lent Assise for the Shiref of the Shire and none sythens.

Thomas Devon, frenchman, sayeth he is makyng for John Wright an hundred weight of gonne powder.

Stephene Darogan made to Sir Tho. Gargrave seven peces of a yard length and more, for Maister Palmes of Naburne one haquebus, to Maister Stapleton of Wighill one dagger, and to Maister Harbert a dagger.

John Nicolson sayeth he hath sold a cople of daggers to Maister Waghen and other twoo daggers to Maister Thomas Hussey of Stokbrigfelds a moneth sythens ; and hath amended for Davy Ingleby a dagger or two ; and also he hath one dagger of Maister Newarkes, one pece of Maister Blaks.

William Franklen hath made twoo hundred plats for Laurens Grene.

Apon whiche examinacon all the sayd artificers were chardged frome hensforth neyther to delyver nor sell anye gonns, gone powder or any other kynd of armour to any maner of persones except they first make the Lord Mayour or wardens pryvay therto.

fo. 163. **The Earls of Northumberland and Westmorland
have rebelled ; York and Ainsty to provide armed horsemen
and 100 footmen.**

14 November 11 Elizabeth (1569). *Present*—William Beckwith, Mayor, 8 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 10 of the xxiv.

Assembled in Saynt Anthony Hall when and where was presently delyvered to the sayd Lord Mayour before all the said worshipfull assemblee the Queenes majesties lettres of commission, the tenour wherof hereafter enseweth.

To oure trustie and welbeloved the Maior and Aldermen of our Citie of York and to every of them.

By the Queene

Trustie and welbeloved we grete youe well ; and where there hath bene heretofore divers brutes raised of a rebellion intended by certen persones in somme parts of the North riding and the Busshopbrig and some secret apparances therof shewed, although by good foresyght the same tooke no effecte, and synce that tyme there hath bene all the good meanes that might be for the deteynyng of men in there due obediens and preservacon of the common quiet, for whiche purpose we directed severall lettres from us and our Privay Counsell to oure right trustie and right welbeloved cousin, the Erle of Sussex, President of our Counsell in the North, willing and chargyng hym not onely to have (as he hath hitherto had) a diligent care and foresyght to the preservyng of the common quiet, but also to gyve order to all Justics of Peace and others within that

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Commission to do their dewties there and to be ready with all their lawfull force to suppress any disordered notions ; and further by our lettres of the xxiiij of October charged hym to send for therles of Northumbreland and Westmerland to repare to hym, and thereupon to lett them understand we wold have them to repare to our Court for suche causes as we ment to confer with theym for our service, and that he shold comande them so to do in our name without delaye. Whereupon our said President directed his lettres of the xxxth of Octobre to either of them for their present repare to hym for matters to be by our ordre imparted to theym, for answere whereunto either of theym wrote their lettres of excuse in respect of their owne affaires, and therupon our said President by his lettres of the iiijth of this present eftsones required their repare to hym for our service, declaring he could not receyve any excuses for so our resolut pleasure was, unto which they made unfit answeres and did not accordingly make their repare ; whereupon our said President was forced to write unto either of them our pleasour and commandement for their present repaire to our courte upon the delyverie wherof. Thearl of Northumberland in the night enseyng beyng the ixth of this present raised an alarme in his house and the towne of Topclif, and soo the same night armed in offensive maner with his servaunts rode to Brancespeth to therle of Westmerland unto whiche place the same night did also ride Richard Norton, Frances Norton, Thomas Markenfield and others armed with whatt armour¹ and other armours and weapons offensive, in greate companies contrary to our lawes and common quiet of our realme, and to the greate terrour and feare of all our obedient subjects in thois parts, wherof great nombres, as our President and Counsell be enformed, are for feare of common spoyle fled from their howses and dwelling placs ; we therfor by thadvise of our said President and Counsell, myndyng the preservacon of our common quyet and defense of our good subjects and the stay of the unbridled mynds of all sedicious and disordered persons, and perceyvynge our former directions not to be sufficyent to suppress theis open and unlawfull actions shewyng an actuall face (*fo.* 163b) against the lawes of our realme, doe by theis presents auctorise and commande youe that with all possible spede after the receipte herof ye do assemble all the force of horsmen that may be had within oure Citie of York and the County of the same, both within the liberties and withoute, either sufficyently armed with spere and cots of plate or other armour or weaponed with a harquebuz or long bowe and a shaf of arrowes, and that some of youe or some other fit persones by your appointment with all the said horsmen furnished as before said with sufficyent money for their fyndyng for xxj dayes at the least be at our said Citie of Yorke the xvijth of this present to set forward from thence for our service as ye shalbe then further directed.

¹ " Whatt armour " ; whet armour, weapons that have been sharpened.

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Faile ye not to doe the premisses with all diligent expedicon and circumspeccon as ye tender the advancement of our service. Yeven under our signet at our Citie of York the xijth day of Novembre.

And by hir Counsell.

Post scret. Further our pleasure is that you shall presently levie in the same Citie and County one hundred footmen of the most hablyst of persones for our service, whereof so many be furnisshed with harquebuz, bowes and arrowes, corsletts and pykes, and the rest blak bills, with convenient armour, and to be delyvered to the ledyng of some sufficyente and discrete person to conduct theyme, so as he may be at Darnetonne the xxjth of this present, where he shall fynd there Capten to receyve the charge of theym ; and ye shall levie and delyver to hym for every of them xiijs iiij^d for every of their chardges for xx dayes, besyds suche conduct money for so many dayes as shalbe by youe thought fit to bringe them thither, and other necessities, and one horse for every fyve men to cary their armour for like tyme ; and a man to loke to their horses ; whiche charges to be levied apon suche persones in the wapentake as doo not sett forth any horseman nor serve on horsebacke ; wherin and in all other the premisses we require yowe to use suche good direction as may be for our best and most spedy service ; and for the good preservacon of our common quiet, a matter wherof all our subjects have felt suche benefiet as the disturbers therof deserve justly severe correction.

After whiche commission openly redd to all the sayd worshipfull presens and well considered, it was by theym agreed that strayght commandement shalbe forthwyth gyven to every the constables within this Cite to bryng in all thenhabitants of there paroches, mete to serve the Queenes majestie, to be mustered at St. Anthony Hall this afternone ; and further that precepts shalbe made to the Shiryfs and baylifs of the Aynsty for lyke muster to be made of the inhabitants of the same at St. James Chapell on wednesday by ix in the mornyng.

Alsoo it was further ordered and agreed that there shalbe within this Citie viij standyng post hors, and to be allowd for every post hors vj^d a pece day and night of the Chambre chardgs. And now were appoynted Maister Graves to kepe twoo post hors ; Maister Trewe one ; Reginald Faux, one ; William Straker one and Thomas Slater, one ; frome hensforth to be allowed for every the sayd hors accordyng as is aforesayd, and the residue of the sayd nombre to be supplied by discrecon.

fo. 164.

Rebellion of the Earls confirmed.

15 November 11 Elizabeth (1569). *Present*—William Beckwith, Mayor, 10 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 5 of the xxiv.

Was eftsoones viewed every the persones of this Citie whiche were yesterday noted to be hable to serve ; and of theym the most

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metest selected to supplye our numbere of lx with some spare men to be tryed and allowed tomorowe in the speciall muster at the Old Bale.

(fo. 164b).

By the Queene.

Trusty and welbeloved we greete yow well ; and wher by our lettres of commission bearyng date the xijth of this present we notified unto you that our trusty and right welbeloved cosyn, thearl of Sussex, President of our Counsell in the North parties, did by his severall letters of the xxixth of Octobre and iiijth of this present send for the Earles of Northumberland and Westmerland, to repare to hym for our service to be to theym by hym at our commandement imparted, and for there defecte in commyng to hym did by his lettres commande theym in our name to make their present repare to our courte, as by our lettres of the xxiiijth of October he was commanded to doe, upon receipte wherof they neglected their duties and put themselves in armes contrary to the lawes of our realme, upon whiche dysobediens and other unlawfull shewes and attempts our said lettres of commission were directed to you for the levieng of our subjects in sort therin expressed ; sence whiche tyme we, beyng moved to drawe the said Erles to the knowlege of there due obedience and frome the delusions of evill counsell, directed our owne lettres unto theme under our owne hand and signet charging them therby apon their duties of allegiance to make their present repare to us without delay or excuse, and advisyng theme not to forbere so to doe apon any synister or unloyall persuasions to induce them to mistrust, without just cause of grounds wherby they should move from their dutifulnes, which they have oftentymes prevatly professed and assured to us and we have made good accompts of ; whiche our lettres were delyvered to either of theym the xiiijth of this present and therupon they do not onely contemptuously desobey our commandement, but also put theym selfs advisedly, wilfully and rebelliously into warlicke order against the lawes of our realme and to the great terror of our good and loyall subjects. We therefore by thadvise of our President and Counsell in our North parties thought fitt to geve youe notice of the premysses and therwith to require and commande you not onely to procede with all the diligens and care ye may accordinge to our former directions, and to all other direcons that shall procedde from our right trusty and right welbeloved cosyn therle of Sussex, whome we have auctorized to levie, arme and direct our subjects of our service in this case, and to do according to his discrecon all other things to hym thought requisite for our service, but also to notifie the premisses to all our obedient subjects wherby they maybe trewly enformed of this greate and disordered disobediens and unloyaltie, and of the necessitie of our chasticing therof for our suertie and preservacon of our common quyet, whiche we have forborne to commande to be put in execucon, so long as there

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remained any hope of their conformytie, not dowbting but every of our good subjects will duelie accomplishe that in this behalfe shalbe directed to them, as well for the performance of their duties to Allmightie God, their naturall loves, fathes and trewthes to us and their good inclinacons to their natyve contrie, as also for the avoydyng of the greate ravine and spoyle that manyfestly doeth growe by like attempts. Geven under our signet at our Citie of York the xvjth day of Novembre.

And by hir Counsell.

fo. 165. **Arrangements for the soldiers' journey to Darlington.**

16 November 11 Elizabeth (1569). *Present*—William Beckwith, Mayor, 6 Aldermen.

Aggreed that every the soldyars for the Citie and Aynsty shall have towards their apparell a cassok and slopps of gray freese, a payr of boots, daggers and swords ; and also coveryngs for their steel capps or skulles of the sayd freese.

Item that John Lutton,¹ esquier at mace, beyng appoynted for the conduction of our hundred men unto Darneton, accordyng to the Queenes majestie Commission, shall have of the Citie chardges, decent furnytur of war of plate and steel capp and an hors with bridle and sadle ; and a freese coat for his man ; and to have xl^s in his purse towards his chardges and further allowans at his home comyng of his expenses necessary.

Note that apou certayne consideracons this was afterwards revoked and therapon aggreed that Maister Dawson, with one other honest person to receyve the money for the hundred soldyars, and soo conduct theym to Darneton and there to delyver both men and money accordyng to the purport of the commission.

It is nowe further aggreed that if there be any stubborne or troblesome persone of the soldyars appoynted, that will not be rewled and hold hymself contented with reasonable allowancs and furnytur, shalbe commytted to ward and an other hable persone be putt in his rowme to serve.

fo. 166. **Use of boats forbidden. City Walls to be repaired.**

Inspection of Soldiers.

18 November 12 Elizabeth (1569). *Present*—William Beckwith, Mayor, 9 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 5 of the xxiv.

Assembled in the Counsell Chambre of the Common Hall it was dyvised and aggreed that for the more suerty of this Citie all the keeles and boates on the waters of Ouse and Fosse be soo kept

¹ As appears later Lutton was suspect of collusion with the Earl of Northumberland.

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within the Citie that no maner of persone be conveyed by theym eyther into the Citie or forth of the Citie, and to be ordred by discrecon and oversight of Maister Alderman Appleyard and Maister Wilkynson. And alsoo that the ferybot at the Lendyng be eyther sonken or otherwise kept by discrecon of Maister Beane.

Item that the peces of clothe belongyng to the Citie allready wowed shalbe brought to Ouse bridge and there kept in one of the upper chambers under lokk and key.

Item that the wardens of every ward shall with convenyent spede cause a comon day work in bearyng of stones to the Citie walles for defence.

And nowe openly in the Common Hall was viewed the lx soldyars of every paroch of this Citie, as was lymyted, ready furnished to serve apon any warnyng accordyngly.

fo. 165b.

Warning against dangerous talk.

17 November 12 Elizabeth (1569). *Present*—William Beckwith, Mayor, 9 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 8 of the xxiv.

Agreed that for soo moch as William Buckshaw, officer of Myklyth ward, is a man growne in moche age and crased, not hable to exercise his office soo fully as his dewtie requyre; therefore Robert Shirshaw, one of the sex officers to my Lord Mayour, is now thought mete to supplie the rowme in place of the sayd Buckshaw.

And nowe at request of the right honorable the Lord President was provyded of dyverse the honest Citizens a semely halbert for certayne servants attendant apon the sayd Lord Lieutenaunt who hath promysed to delyver in lieu of cheyne for a tyme blak to serve in the Citie.¹

A proclamacon frome the Lord Lieutenaunt.

My Lord Lieutenaunt doth in the Queenes majesties name straightly charge and command all maner of persons, of whatt estate or degree so ever theybe, that they do not use any maner of speeche that may lende to the hynderance any wayes of the Queenes majesties service or the furtheryng or favouryng of any sedicyouse person or of there doyns; and also commandith every person that shall happen to heare any suche speeche to stay the partie so speaking (if he be hable) or otherwise to make declaracon to his Lordship or to some of hir Majesties Counsell here presente or to some other of hir Majesties mynisters to be by theym declared to his Lordship apon paine and punnyshement that may insue. Yeven at York the xijth of November 1569.

God save the Queene.

¹ I have given this as it is written.

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fo. 166b. **Citizens to be ready for immediate service.**

18 November 1569.

By the Lord Lieutenaunt.

We chardge you in the Queenes majesties name that imediatly apou the sight herof ye gyve present ordre to all the Queenes majesties subjects within her Citie of York that they be ready with their armour and weapons apou the first warnyng to attend apou us for the service of the Queenes majestie as we shall appoynt ; and that ye appoynt some discrete person or persones in every ward to have the chardge [of] conductyng and leadyng of all the persones armed and weaponed or any wayes weaponed within thare wards, and to gye notice to us presently of their naines soo appoynted to have the chardge of the wards. At York the xvijth of November 1569.

Sussex.

To our welbeloved the L. Mayour and Aldermen of the Citie of York.

fo. 167. **All ladders to be collected.**

Suburban dwellers to come inside the walls.

19 November 12 Elizabeth *Present*—William Beckwith, Mayor, 7 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 6 of the xxiv.

Were appoynted harbengers in every ward for ledying of soldyars.¹

Item it is nowe agreed that the wardens of the iiij wardes, every of theym within thar chardges shall cause all maner of ladders beyng within the suburbs of this Citie to be undylayedly brought into the Citie to be saffly layd up by their good discrecon.

Item all thenhabitants of the said suburbs shalbe forthwith commanded in the Queenes majesties name to come in and make their abode this troblesome tyme duryng within the Citie ready to serve as occason shall requyre by discrecon of the said wardens.

And nowe at the request of the Lord Lieutenaunt it was agreed for this tyme that his Honour shall have the namyng of the capitayne of the Citie soldiars, namely, Maister Robert Stapleton, esquier, beyng an inhabitant of the Aynsty soo allwayes it be no prejudice to our liberties hereafter.

Item that for this troblesome tyme the Shireffs shalbe spared of thar ridyng to make proclamacon within the Citie accustomed.

And all pitche and tarr, be forthwith taken forth of the streets and lanes of this Citie and other open places.

¹ The names of the leaders are given ; 4 in Micklegate Ward ; 11 in Walmgate Ward, 7 in Bootham Ward ; 7 in Monk Ward.

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(*fo. 167b*). A proclamacon sett forth by the Lord Lieutenaunt the xixth of Novembre 1569 by vertue and commandement of the Queenes majesties warrant directed to hym for that purpose bearyng date the xvth of Novembre 1569.

Where as Thomas, Erle of Northumbreland and Charles, Erle of Westmerland, beyng severally commanded apou their dewties of allegiance to make their repare withoute dilay to the Queenes majestie, our soveraigne Lady, by hyr Majesties owne severall lettres of the tenth of this present and delyvered to either of them the xiiijth of the same, have wilfully and contemptuously disobeyed her Majesties commandement, and sythens that tyme have with Christofer Nevil, Richard Norton of Norton Conyars, Thomas Markynfeld of Markenfeld, John Swynburn, Robert Tempest and Francis Norton, esquiers, and others committed, perpetrated, made and done dyverse unlawful offenses contrary to their natural dueties of allegians to the Queene, our soverayne Lady, and have levied and gathered to theym great nombres of their (sic) majesties subjects as well horsmen as footmen, and contrarie to the lawes of the realme and in offens of hir Majesties royall corone and dignitie have put theym in armour and warrlyke furnytüre, and doo dayly to the great fear of her Majesties good subjects draw unto theym violently great forces, and doo often tymes therin abuse the Queenes majesties name and authoritie to further their wicked purpose, and intend to procede further in their rebellious enterprises if the same by her Majesties good subjects be not in tyme resisted and stayed. We therfor in the Queenes majesties name and by her special good commandement and warrant doo by theis presents denounce and publisse the said Earles of Northumbreland and Westmerland, Christofer Nevill etc. to be rebelles ageynst our soverayne lady the Queenes majestie and hir most royal corone, and disturbars of the common peax and quyet of hir highnes realmes and dominions for the unlawfull and rebellious facts by theym perpetrated and commytted; and in her majesties name command that they and every of theym be, from hensforth, reputed and taken with all the Queenes majesties liege people as rebellious persons and rebelles to hir highnes and [her] royall corone.

And futhermore we in hir Majesties name and by hir ordre, commandement and authoritie do commande all her Majesties trewe and feithfull subjects to avoide and flee from the company, aydyng or assistyng of any of the said Erles or other rebellious persons before mencioned, and doe, by theis presents, receyve to her Gracs marcie and free pardone, all suche persons other then hereafter be exempted as have accompanied the said Erles of Northumbreland and Westmerland, Richard Norton, Thomas Markenfeild, John Swinburne, Robert Tempest and Francis Norton, or any of them in their undewtefull acts, soo that every suche persons as hath accompaned the said Erles and other persones, as befor said,

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woll and doe before the xxijnd day of Novembre 1569, repare and goe to their dwellyng howses and places and there remayne quietly and not to abyde in company of the said Erles or either of theym, or of the said Richard Norton, Thomas Markenfeld, or any of the other persones aforesaid after the said xxijnd day before specified; (*fo.* 168) and hir Majesties pleasour is that the Erles of Northumbreland and Westmerland, Christofer Nevill, Egremond Radcliff, Richard Norton, Thomas Markenfeld, John Swinburne, Robert Tempest, Francis Norton and Thomas Gennye be exempted from the enjoyeng of the benyfite of this presente pardon or any part therof.

And if any person shall adheare or accompany to or with any of the said Erles or persons before exempted, or any of theime in the contyneweing of their unlawfull assembling or doying of any unlauffull actes after the said xxijnd of this present November; then we doe by hir Majesties commandement and warrant and in hir name denownce all suche persones so adhearyng or accompanying the said Erles and other before exempted or any of theime to be rebells and clerely exempted frome the benefite of this pardone, and will and commande all hir Majesties subjects so to repute and take theym.

T Sussex.

God save the Queene.

Persones suspecte to be departed forth of this Citie to therle of Northumbreland:—Charles Bachelar, glasiar; Martyne Wayte, jirkynmaker; William Petre, baker; Jamys Whit, buttonar.¹

fo. 168b.

York prepares for a Siege.

The number of Soldiers now in the City.

21 November 12 Elizabeth (1569). *Present*—William Beckwith, Mayor, 8 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 5 of the xxiv.

Aggreed that Maister Gregorie Pacoke and Maister Harrison, shall see delyverie of one hundred soldyars of the Citie and Aynsty appoynted at the Old Baile; and a drome to gyve warnyng for their attendans there. Further that the constables or honest men of every paroche and towne shall forthwith upon the said delyverie paye to every soldyar as for iiij dayes ijs viij^d a pece; and alsoo to thands of their capten Maister John Yngleby to be by hym payd to theym for their wages for xx days xiijs iiij^d accordyng to the late commission.

Item that comon dayes worke be made by discrecon of the wardens for contre mures of earth or stone to be surely rammed ageynst every the posternes of this Citie.

Item that iiij^s be delivered to Maister Wilkynson.

¹ A mem. in Latin says "These to be examined should they return."

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Item that the dyke at the Gray freer nooke next Ouse shalbe undylaydly cast¹ by oversight of Maister Wilkynson, Shiref, and to have delyvered hym for the chardge therof of the Chambre ijs; and alsoo iiij^s for watchyng the great gonnes remaynyng the last night apou Ouse.

And that the wardens every of theym within their wards with other twoo discrete persones by theym to be appoynted shall from tyme to tyme forsee that by thar good pollicie ther be no want of wheat, malt ne victuall within ther wardes; and lykwise that the inholdars, tiplars and victaillars have alsoo in readynes bred, ale and victaill mete for soldyars.

Item that the said wardens, every of theym, within their wards shall cause lanternes and lights to be sett forth at every such inhabitants hows as they shall thynk requysite in every street and lane of the Citie, soo that there may be sufficient light throwghowte the night from vj unto day light in the mornyng, begynnyng this night and soo forth nightly at sex to gyve warnyng to every the sayd inhabitants to put forth their sayd light accordyngly; and alsoo ones every night about mydnight twoo of the watchemen of that ward to walke the sayd streets and lanes and if any want be the sayd watchemen to call apou theym to sett forth a new light or ells to present the sayd default.

Item at commandment of the Lord Lieutenaunt it was nowe ordered that whan soo ever any alarme shall happen within this Citie, no maner of men, women ne children shall make any showtyng, rynging or noyse but to kepe sylent, and that the hows kepars to answer to the contrary herof at their perills.

(fo. 169).

Est ridding and	Hull		Maister Edward		} delivered to the harbengers of Walmgat
			Ellerker	ccx	
	Harthill c	}	Sir Marmaduk Constable	ccx	
	Bukros iiij ^{xx}				
	Beverley xxx				
	Inter Ouse and Darwent Holdenshire	}	Sir William Babthrop	ccc	
Est and Northe	Dykryng c	}	the L. Ever	ccc	
	Pykerynge				
	and				
	Skarburgh				
	Langborgh				
	Whitby	}	c		

¹ cast; cleaned out, dug out.

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West	Agbrig c	} Cotton Gargrave cccl	} delivered to the harbengers of Myklyth
ridding	Strafforth cl		
	Osgodcros lx		
	Stancros xl		
	Skirak		
	Barkeston	Thomas Fairfax c	} harbengers of Myklyth
		Will Hungate and Maister Gascoigne ccc	
	Clarvo	Maister Slynsgsby ccc	
North	Ridale	Will Fairfax ccc	} To Bothome
	Bulmer	John Herbert ccc	
	Birdforth	Sir William Bellasis cc	
Civ. Ebor	The Citie and Aynsty	c	} To Monk
North	Richmondshire	c	

Aggreed alsoo that the constables of every paroche to gyve commandement from my Lord Mayour in the Queenes name that the stryngmakers, bowiars, fletchars, armorars ne other artificers of this Citie doo not take for their wares excessyve prices of soldyars but reasonably soo as they may have no just cause to complayne.

Item that the olde gonnes and ordynauncs belongyng to this Citie shalbe forthwith viewed and amended by Daragon and Nicolson at sight of the wardens, of the Chambre chardgs.

Item that the harbengers shall diligently serche every of theym in their chardges what lodgyng every howsholdar can make for soldyars, footmen to be assigned unto theym by the L. Marshall.

fo. 170.

Soldiers of the City and Ainsty.

The names of the Capitane and c and vj soldyars and footemen of the Citie of Yorke and Wapentak of Thaynsty beyng fully furnyshed at the said Citie the xix day of Novembre before the right worshipfull William Beckwith, Mayour of the said Citie and his bredren Aldermen, Commyssioners ; and also viewed by the right honourable Lord Thomas, Erle of Sussex, Lord Presydent and Lieutenaunte in the North parties, reddy for the Queenes majesties service as they shalbe commandyd by the said Lorde Lieutenaunte.¹

Maister John Ingleby, Esquier, Captyane appoynted by the said Lorde Lieutenaunte by the consent of my Lorde Mayour and Aldermen.

fo. 173b.

Payment for Powder.**Watch at the Bars.**

23 November 12 Elizabeth (1569). *Present*—William Beckwith, Mayor, William Tancred, Recorder, 8 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 9 of the xxiv.

Aggreed that where John Devone is indebted to Maister Askwith abowte lvjs in consideracon of gonne powder to be

¹ The names and weapons of the soldiers follow on folios 170-175. In the City of York 19 men were armed with bows, 9 with harquebus, 30 with bills.

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delyvered by the sayd John to the Citie, use ; to the sayd somme after the price of xij^d le pound of corne powder¹ and x^d surpentyne pulder, the Chambre shall discharge the sayd John Devon of the sayd debt ageynst Maister Askwith ; and for the over plus of the sayd gonne pulder to pay the sayd Devon after the price above expressed.

And nowe it is further aggreed that the defaults and decaye of the Citie walls shalbe forthwith reparellled and amended by the oversight of the wardens of the wards.

And for easyng the Aldermen of their often watche at the barres it is nowe aggreed that xxiiij of the Consell shall alsoo take peynes in watchyng nightly by course lyke as the Aldermen have and shall doo begynnyng at theldest this night and soo forth ordrely, apou peyne for every default iijs iiiij^d and further perills.

fo. 174.

No Sheriffs' celebrations.

Presents to two Privy Councillors.

25 November 12 Elizabeth (1569). *Present*—William Beckwith, Mayor, 9 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 5 of the xxiv.

Petre Hudelesse and John Wilkynson, Shereffs of this Citie, did take their oaths of the pryvay consell of this City assustomed—*sed respectuatur potatio vini*.²

And nowe it is aggreed that the right honorable the Lord of Hunsdon and Syr Rawf Sadler, twoo of the Queenes majesties Pryvay Consell, shalbe presented with maynbread and ypocras, a joll of fresshe sturgion to the value of xl^s of the Chambre chardgs, and to be sent by the Chamberlanes and sword bearar.

A precept to the Baylyfs.

William Beckwith, Mayour of the Citie of Yorke and his bretheren, Aldermen, the Queenes Commissionars authorised for takynge of musters within the Countie of the Citie of York, to the balifs of the wapentake of thaynstie gretynge. Where there is already taken for the Queenes majesties service vij^{xx} xiiij men of the said wapentake, lakkyng most parte armour and weapon ; we therefore by vertue of commandement frome the right honorable Earle of Sussex, Lord Lieutenaunt to the Queenes majestie in thes Northe parts, will and commande youe that with all diligent spede ye of her Majesties behalf, doo streightlie charge the constables and honest men of every towne, parisshe and hamlett of the said wapentake, as well within the liberties as without, forthwith do prepare and send unto the said nombre of soldiars all suche armour and weapon, as they either have or by any lawfull meanes can gett, every of theym for their owne tonshipe, that is to saye, Copman-

¹ Corne powder is powder that has been corned or granulated.

² It was customary for the newly-elected Sheriffs to provide wine on their election day—this year it was put off.

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thorpe for vij, Bolton Percy iiij, Appleton for vij, Askham Bryan for x, Myddylthorpe for iiij, Askham Richard for v, Bilbrughe for j, Drynghowes for v, Acaster Selbi for ij, Acome *cum* Holgait for xj, Acaster Malbis for ij, Bishorpthorpe for ij, Catterton and Oxtun for ij, Colton for j, Hessey for ij, Walton for viij, Huton with Angrame for xii, Mormonkton for vj, Marston for xv, Knapton for ij, Overpopleton for vj, Thorpe arche for vj, Helay for vij and Becarton for ij, and in no wise to faill herof, with all possible diligens. The last day of Novembre.

fo. 174b. **River defence.** **Post horses.** **Charge for lodging.**

29 November 12 Elizabeth (1569). *Present*—William Beckwith, Mayor, 8 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 7 of the xxiv.

Aggreed that the bullworks latly made at St. Leonards lendyng and the lendyng over ageynst it by commandement of the L. Lieutenaunt amontyng to three pounds or ther abowts shall be payed of the Chambre money.

And that the Shireffs of this Citie shall from tyme to tyme by their discrecon provyde standyng post hors to the nombre of viij, accomptyng the horse that be all ready appoynted and yet standyng as part of theym and to be allowed for every such hors vjd a pece day and night.

Item that no maner of persone of this Citie take of any soldiari for his lodgyng and bed without meat and drynk above a peny a pece the night.

Proclamation setting forth the folly and wickedness of the Earls and their followers.

A proclamacon sett forth by the Earle of Sussex declaryng truely the falshodes and vayne delusions wherby the Earles of Northumbreland and Westmerland and their confederats doo abuse the Queenes majesties subjects to maynteyne their rebellious enterprises xxviiij Novembre 1569.

Where the Earles of Northumbreland and Westmerland with their confederats have most undutifully and unnaturally conspired to levie warre ageynst their and our most graciouse soveraigne Lady, the Queenes majestie, and therapon have entred into open and actuall rebellion, and to cover their wicked and detestable attempts have abused and deluded many of her Majesties subjects in their parts; somtymes commandyng theym in her Highnes name to repayre to theym in warrlyke maner for the defense and suertie of hir Majesties persone, whan their entent of callyng theym was in dede to maynteyne their horrible treasons, and therby to putt in perill her most royal person (whom God long preserve); somtyme affirmyng their doyns to be by the advise and consent of the nobilitie of this realme, whoo in dede be wholly bent (as manifestly

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doith apper) to spend their lyves in dutifull obediens agaynst theym and all other traytours ; somtymes pretending for consciens sake to seeke to reforme religion, where in dede it is manifestly knowne many of theym never had care of consciens nor ever respected any religion, but contynewed a dissolut life untill at this present they were dryven to pretend a popishe holynes to put some false color upon their manifest treasons, directly ageynst the commandement of God and Holy Scripture, the lawes of the realme and the auncient prerogatyve of the imperial corone of England ; somtymes declaryng that they be dryven to take this matter in hand least otherwise foreyn prynces myght take it upon theym to the great perill of this realme, where (*fo. 175*) in dede they not contented with the good quyet and publique admynistracon of justice soo long contynewed under the Queenes majesties, as the lyke was never before in any prynce tyme, have by all the wicked meanes they could practised with foren prynces to ayde theym in this wicked enterprise, and therby sought not onely the manifest peril of our most graciouse soverayne Ladys persone, state and dignitie royal, but alsoo to bryng the wholl realme to perpetual thraldome and misere under the subjection of slavery and servitude of foren powers and potentats, hopying therby to satisfie some part of their licentious and dissolute mynds ; and somtyme koverying their noughty entents with a shew of desyre to preserve the estat of thauncient nobilitie from destruction prepared (as they say) ageynst theym where in dede it manifestly appereth that in xij yeres past the Queenes majestie hath had such care of the preservyng of that state, as from the begynnyng of her reigne to this hower there hath not perished one of that flock, and they theymselves whoo abuse the people with their slandrouse devises have most graciously and liberally tasted of her Majesties favour, good contynuaunce, bountie and famyliar usage more than others did of their equall and farr above their deserts, and of whome hir Majestie had conceyved soo good opynyon as hardly could she of long tyme be induced to thynk that eyther suche lak of dutie could enter into their harts ageynst their soveraigne, or suche ungratitud ageynst her that had soo liberally delt with theym, and soo lovynglie used theym, allthough she manifestly knew that some of theym lyved in danger of her lawes, wherof she gave theym to understand she had good knowlege, and did tollerat with theym in hope of their loyalties otherwise.

In consideracon wherof we, Thomas Earle of Sussex, her Majesties Lieutenaunt General in the North parties, seeing how the ignorant people be abused by theis delusions and knowyng what constant promyses, assertions and oathes they have here before made by their owne mowthes to the Queenes Majestie, as alsoo of late by hir Majesties direction to us to be reported for the contynewans of their truthes and loyalties to her Majestie ; and seeng by the sequeles that all which hertofoe they have done or presently

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doo or herafter entend to doo, be but for pretended falshods to delud all stats, degrees and persones to serve their wicked purposes, have thought it convenient hereby to notifie to all her Majesties subjects ther maner of dealyng, wherby they may manifestly see that there pryncipall intents be to put in perill the person of our most graciouse soveraigne Lady, whom God long preserve, to sowe sedicon and rebellion by all the false meanes they may, to doo their uttermost to putt her Majestie in danger of hir most lafull royal corone and dignitie, to draw foren nations unto this realme to the utter subversion and perpetual bondage of this auncient free common wealth, to spoyle all kynd of people wherof the wholl contry feeleth the present smart, and to maynteyne and contynew their licentious and unbridde affection, and with falshods, open lyes and vayne delusions to seeke to abuse all kynde of stats for the furthering of their wicked untrewth and prolonging of their detestable doyngs whiche God of his justice cannot long suffre to contynew.

All whiche matters evydently appearyng to the wholl world be sufficient to enduce all men that have eyther reason or duetie to their soveraigne Lady or love to their natyve contray, and ben by theis delusions abused, utterly to forsake and detest theym and their wicked doyngs ; and all suche as have not hytherto been abused to forbear to repayre to theym or any wayes to ayde or succour theym or any of theyres in theis traytrouse enterprises abhorable afor God, undutifull to their soveraigne, and most perillouse to the quyett and prosperouse state of this realme wherin all honest persons have lyved frome the begynnyng of her Majesties reigne in freedome of their persones with suertie of their life, lands and goods, whiche God long contynewe.

T. Sussex.

God save the Queene.

fo. 175b.

War materials not to pay toll.

Weapons and armour for soldiers of the Ainsty.

3 December 12 Elizabeth (1569).

Aggreed that all suche foreners as shall bryng any maner of victailles or wares necessary or meete for furnytüre or neds of the soldiars present for the Queenes service shall come free and goe free without any lett or troble of any Citizen or persones whatsoever.

Where as a precept was latly awarded by the L. Mayor and Aldermen, Commissioners for musters, to the constable of every paroche and township of the Aynsty, to send sufficient armour and weapons for vij^{xx} soldiars or there abowts latly taken forth of the Aynsty for the Queenes service, every of theym for the soldiars of their owne tounships, for soo moche nowe as the sayd constables have as yet made no maner of certificate or report of their doyngs in this behalf unto the sayd L. Mayor and Aldermen. It is therefor agreed that the bailifs shall eftsoones command theym in the

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Queenes name to bryng in their certificat of their doying to my sayd L. Mayor and Aldermen on Tewesday next by viij of the clok in the mornyng.

fo. 176.

Ainsty to provide 25 Carts.

5 December 12 Elizabeth (1569). *Present*—William Beckwith, Mayor, 8 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs.

Was redd openly one letter of commission from the right honorable Therle of Sussex, Lord Lieutenaunt in the North, in the Queenes name, for preparation in a redynes xxv carts or waynes within the Aynsty to the L. Mayor, Aldremen and Shirefs of this Citie directed. Wherapon it was immediatly agreed that the sayd xxv carts and waynes shold be appoynted with waynmen and other necessities accordingly.

fo. 177. **Price of soldiers' meals. Other provision for emergency.**

13 December 12 Elizabeth (1569). *Present*—William Beckwith Mayor, 10 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 8 of the xxiiij.

Assembled in the clossett within the Mynster togidre with the right worshipfull Sir Thomas Gargrave, knyght, Doctor Hutton, Deane, Sir Richard Cholmeley, knight, William Hungat and John Harbert, esquiers capitaynes, and Thomas Hungat, vice-marshal, whan it was ordeyned that the soldiars nowe servyng within this Citie shall not pay for their ordynarie meeles appoynted by the L. Mayor above iij^d a pece the meeles; and that they shall hold theym content with their sayd fare.

Item that suche persones as have any the sayd soldiars to bourd shall wekly notifie unto their captaynes what the meales of every soldiar doth amount unto in the week; soo that the sayd Captaynes may tak ordre with their hosts for the trewe payment; soo allways that they passe not the rate of vj^d meeles a day.

Item that the watchmen, Citizens, shall by appoyntment of the wardens of the ward joyne with the soldiars in kepyng the Citie walles.

Item that the L. Mayor and Aldremen and wardens shall have thordre and correction of the citizen watchmen; and the Captaynes and Marshall of the soldyars.

Further for the bettar readynes of the sayd soldiars apon any sodayne happenyng it is thought good that the soldiars shalbe lodged togidre.

Item that soo long as the moone light fayleth lanternes shalbe nyghtly sett forth where it is nedefull.

Afterward the same day in the Consell Chambre of the Common Hall it was agreed that the serchars of the bakers shold take such ordre for staye of bakynge of bread among theym that the bread already baken for tharmye and least in the Citie may first be sold apon payne to forfayte xs.

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fo. 177b. **The Watch. Present to the Lord Lieutenant.**

13 December 12 Elizabeth (1569). *Present*—William Beckwith, Mayor, 8 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 8 of the xxiv.

It is nowe thought requysite and agreed that the Lord Mayor takyng with hym vj of his most ancient bredren, Aldermen, shall resort unto Sir Thomas Gargrave, knight, vicelieutenaunt, and advertise hym that he trust some corse be made within the Citie for thascult watche to joyne with the captens, and further with the assistens of his sayd Brederne to make hym answer by discrecon as occasion shall arise.

And it is nowe further agreed that the Lord Lieutenaunt shall have sent hym as a present from the Mayour and Citizens soo moche wyne as amount to a pipe to be conveyed unto hym to the campe in casks on horseback.

fo. 178. **Wages of the poor increased. Provision for the Army.**

19 December 12 Elizabeth (1569). *Present*—William Beckwith, Mayor, 9 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 3 of the xxiv.

For the bettar encoragynge of the idle poor folk of this Citie to worke, it is agreed that where for spynnyng and cardyng they have ben payed afor xij^d the stone wooll, they from hensforth shall be payed after xvj^d the stone ; and if they refuse soo to doo than they to have noo common releif but rader be otherwise compelled to work by discrecon of the wardens.

And nowe was redd a lettre for provision of victuall further for the Queenes majesties armes, and therapon agreed that assistens shalbe accordyngly, soo moche as may be.

To all Mayours, Bailifs, constables and other the Queenes majesties lovyng officers and subjects.

Thes are to will and require you and streightly chardge and command you, and every of you, that you permitt and suffre and alsoo assist (as moche as in you and in every of you is) this berear Thomas Staveley, merchant, of the Citie of York, to levie, buye, carie to and for the Queenes majesties Counsell in theis Northe parties of her Majesties realme, all maner of victualls and specially all wyne soo that the campe may be the bettar furnisshed with all maner of victuall from tyme to tyme for the releife of hir Majesties armie ; and further that you assist the sayd bearer for to take all maner of cariags, as shall to this his licens apperteyne, accordyng to the Queene Majesties price in such cases used ; and this faille you not to doo as you will answer to the contrary at your perill. Yeven at Ripon the xvijth day of this present December.

Go. Highfelde,
Provost marshall.

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fo. 178b.

Horses commandeered.

21 December 12 Elizabeth (1569). *Present*—William Beckwith, Mayor, 9 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 1 of the xxiv.

At request of Sir Thomas Gargrave, knight, Vice Lieutenaunt, theis Citizens here under named are appoynted by the sayd presens to fynde every of theym an hors for helpyng to conduct treasure to the Queenes majesties armie.¹ And undylayedly to be warned to send every of theym his hors to be viewed by Maisters Aldermen at Ousebrig tomorow, beyng the xxiiijth of December instant, by viij of the cloke on the mornyng.

And it is nowe aggreed that if any myschans happen to any of the sayd hors, the same shalbe borne of the Chambre chardgs ; and lykwise if the Queenes allowance will not serve for their expenses than the want therof to be supplied of the Citie chardges reasonably by discrecon of this honorable [presens].

fo. 179. **York ask to make a loan to pay the Army.**

27 December 12 Elizabeth (1569) *Present*—William Beckwith, Mayor, 9 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 10 of the xxiv.

It was recited howe that the right honorable therle of Warwike and the Lord Admyrall, twoo of the Lieutenaunts of the Queenes armye, have desyred Sir Thomas Gargrave, knight, by their lettre to move the Lord Mayor, Aldermen and honest Citizens of York to lend a thowsand or ij thowsand pounds towards dispatch and payment of the Queenes soldiars under their chardges, unto viij or x dayes that the Queenes majesties treasure be come, unto whiche motion the worshipfull presens, for twoo speciall causes, first to shewe their good willes in furtheryng the Queenes majesties affaires, and secundly hopyng the sayd noble parsonages, beyng of the Queenes most honorable Pryvay Consell, may apon occason hereafter be beneficial unto this the Queenes poore Citie in any our sewtes, could not but promyse to doo to their powers what they could, thynkyng that albeit they were not of habilitie to make up soo moche as ys required yet for v^{eli} or there abowts they myght be bold to promyse and therto wold doo their best endeavours ; soo allwayes they might have some assurans for repayment therof as by counsell shold be devised. And her apon have determyned to mete ageyne for further ordre emongs theym selfs towards thaccomplisshe-ment herof this afternoone.²

¹ Here follow the names of 26 citizens.

² They did meet again the same day and the Lord Mayor and Aldermen between them promised to contribute £360, the Sheriffs and the xxiv about £160 and it was agreed to ask wealthy citizens to contribute.

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fo. 180.

Examination of a Suspect.

28 December 12 Elizabeth (1569). *Present*—William Beckwith, 8 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 9 of the xxiv.

Appon report made that Wayte, jerkynmaker, (whoo hath ben with thearle of Northumbreland and thother rebelles) is newly come home to this Citie, it was therfor thought expedient to have hym called to be examined; whoo nowe appiryng did shewe a warrant of protection as followeth—We, Ambrose Earle of Warwik and Edward Lord Clinton, high Admyrall of England, Lieutenaunt Generall of hir Majesties army leavied in the Countie [order] that all capitanes, soldiars and all others whoo soo ever that on peyne of death they use not nor offer unto this bearar, Martyne Wayte, of Yorke, any maner of force, violent or with raige, neyther spoyll, robbe ne carie away the goods, catalls, hereditaments, or what some ever it be apperteyning to the sayd Martyne Wayte for whos more suertie we have thought good to make this our warrant his protection in this behalf. Yeven at North Allerton the xxvjth of December 1569.

A. Warwik.

E. Clynton.

fo. 182.

Reasons for hastening the Loan.

To our lovyng frende Sir Thomas Gargrave, knight.

After our hartie commendacons; for as moche as Maister Mayour and Aldermen cast such dowbts of our repayment,¹ let theym send any one sufficient man with the money and we will eyther returne by hym our bonds or ells reteyne by us till he hymself bryng back the money ageyne. What we doo is in respecte to ease the Queenes chardge, whiche by soo moche is the greater, howe moche the longar hir highnes soldiars continew in wages. The treasure is apou the way comyng and bycause the prolongyng of every one day continueth iiij or v^{cl}i chardge, therfor we send unto yow to borow but til the treasure come; wherefore we pray you use diligens herin for if it come not within two dayes it will doo us no good. We dowbt not but yourself hath lyke consideracon herof. Thus we cesse further to troble yow. From Borowbriggs, this xxixth of December 1569.

Post Scripta.

And where as ye wright that my L. of Sussex hath caused his bonds apou lettres to their capitaynes we dowbt not but your consideracon can well judge what differens is betwene answeyng men all of one contrey and at home in their owne contrey; and others that from severall shires are come viij^{xx} ix^{xx} and cc myles and have to make their returne severally soo farr ageyne, after

¹ On folios 181, 181b and part of 182 is a statement of the money for the loan raised from the different parishes of York.

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theexpense of all or the most part of all their money ; were they all ready at home in their contries they might haply be soo answered but beyng here strangers and soo farr from home there can no reason enduce us to answer theym.

A. Warwike. E. Clynton.

fo. 183.

Loan Money to be repaid.

5 January 12 Elizabeth (1569-70). *Present*—William Beckwith, Mayor, 8 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 2 of the xxiv.

Aggreed that the loane money latly gathered of the Citizens to payment of the soldyars wages shall be restored to every man his owne money by the collectors whoo have receyved the same.

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